



COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
Government of Pakistan

NOTICE NO. CCP-ADMIN-111

INVITATION TO BID
FOR PROCUREMENT OF NEXT GENERATION FIREWALL

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), an autonomous organization invites electronic bids from renowned authorized suppliers/firms etc., registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments and who are on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue, for procurement of Next Generation Firewall.

E-bidding documents as per regulations, containing detailed terms and conditions, specifications and requirements etc. are available for the registered bidders on EPADS at <http://eprocure.gov.pk>, PPRA website www.ppra.org.pk and CCP's website www.cc.gov.pk, free of cost.

The electronic bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding documents, must be submitted by using EPADS on or before **February 07, 2025 up to 03:00 p.m.** Manual bids shall not be accepted. Electronic Bids will be opened on the same day at **03:30 p.m.**

Notification of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) constituted in terms of Rule-48 of PPRA rules, 2004 is provided on EPADS at <http://eprocure.gov.pk>.

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BIDDING DOCUMENT

For

**Procurement of Next Generation Firewall
(Single Stage One Envelope Procedure)**

(National Competitive Bidding)



COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Standard Bidding Documents for Procurement of Next Generation Firewall

PART-A - BIDDING PROCEDURE & REQUIREMENTS

Section I Invitation to Bids

Section II Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

This Section provides information to help Bidders prepare their Bids. Information is provided for the submission, opening, and evaluation of Bids and for the award of Contract.

Section III Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

This Section includes provisions specific to procurement and to supplement Section-II, Instructions to Bidders.

Section IV Eligible Countries

This Section contains information regarding eligible countries.

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This Section includes the details of specifications for the goods and ancillary services to be procured and schedule of requirements.

Section VII Standard Forms

This Section includes the standard forms for the Bid Submission, Price Schedules, and Bid Security etc. These forms are to be completed and submitted by the Bidder as part of - Bid.

PART-B - CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

Section VIII General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

This Section includes the general clauses to be applied in all the contracts.

Section IX - Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

This Section consists of Contract Specific general and special conditions.

Section X - Contract Forms

This Section contains forms which, once completed, will become part of the Contract. The forms for **Performance Security** will be submitted by the successful bidder to whom Letter of Intent/Acceptance is issued, before the award of contract.

PART-A
BIDDING PROCEDURE & REQUIREMENTS

SECTION I: INVITATION TO BIDS

COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN



Bid No. CCP-ADMIN-111

For

Procurement of Next Generation Firewall

Invitation to Bids

1. The Competition Commission of Pakistan (the procuring agency), invites electronic bids from renowned authorized suppliers/firms registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments and which are on Active Taxpayers list of the Federal Board of Revenue, for procurement of *Next Generation Firewall*.
2. The Procuring Agency has reserved the funds for the procurement planned during the year 2024-25/26. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Procurement of Next Generation Firewall.
3. The bidding shall be conducted in line with the single stage one envelope procedure, on least cost based selection method of the Public Procurement Rules 2004 and any Regulations, Procurement Guidelines or Instructions issued by the Authority (from time to time), and is open to all potential bidders.
4. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an acceptable form in the lump-sum amount of Pak Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only. The original bid security must be delivered to Convener, Procurement Committee, Competition Commission of Pakistan, 9th Floor, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad, before closing date and time of the e-bid submission.
5. Registration with PPRA on the e-PADS platform is mandatory for all bidders. Unregistered bidders can register at <https://eprocure.gov.pk/#/supplier/registration>. In case of technical difficulties for registering or submitting e-bids, please contact PPRA's technical team for support.
6. The electronic bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding documents, must be submitted by using EPADS on or before **February 07, 2025 up to 03:00 p.m.** Manual bids, shall not be accepted. Electronic Bids will be opened on the same day at **03:30 p.m.**
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SECTION II: INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS (ITBs)

A. INTRODUCTION

<p>1. Scope of Bid</p>	<p>1.1</p>	<p>The Procuring Agency (PA), as indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS) invites Bids for the Supply and Installation of the Information Systems as specified in the BDS and Section V - Technical Specifications & Schedule of Requirements. The successful Bidders will be expected to supply and install the information systems within the specified period and timeline(s) as stated in the BDS.</p>
	<p>1.2</p>	<p>Unless otherwise stated throughout this document definitions and interpretations shall be as prescribed in the General Conditions of the Contract (GCC).</p>
<p>2. Source of Funds</p>	<p>2.1</p>	<p>Source of funds is referred in Clause-2 of Invitation for Bids.</p>
<p>3. Eligible Bidders</p>	<p>3.1</p>	<p>A Bidder may be natural person, company or firm or public or semi-public agency of Pakistan or any foreign country, or any combination of them with a formal existing agreement (on Judicial Papers) in the form of a joint venture, consortium, or association. In the case of a joint venture, consortium, or association, all members shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The joint venture, consortium, or association shall nominate a Lead Member as nominated in the BDS, who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the joint venture, consortium, or association during the Bidding process, and in case of award of contract, during the execution of contract.</p> <p><i>(The limit on the number of members of JV or Consortium or Association may be prescribed in BDS, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the PPRA).</i></p>
	<p>3.2</p>	<p>The appointment of Lead Member in the joint venture, consortium, or association shall be confirmed by submission of a valid Power of Attorney to the Procuring Agency.</p>
	<p>3.3</p>	<p>Verifiable copy of the agreement that forms a joint venture, consortium or association shall be required to be submitted as part of the Bid.</p>
	<p>3.4</p>	<p>Any bid submitted by the joint venture, consortium or</p>

		association shall indicate the part of proposed contract to be performed by each party and each party shall be evaluated (or post qualified if required) with respect to its contribution only, and the responsibilities of each party shall not be substantially altered without prior written approval of the Procuring Agency and in line with any instructions issued by the Authority.
	3.5	The invitation for Bids is open to all prospective supplier, manufacturers or authorized agents/dealers subject to any provisions of incorporation or licensing by the respective national incorporating agency or statutory body established for that particular trade or business.
	3.6 .	Foreign Bidders must be locally registered with the appropriate national incorporating body or the statutory body, before participating in the national/international competitive tendering with the exception of such procurements made by the foreign missions of Pakistan. For such purpose the bidder must have to initiate the registration process before the bid submission and the necessary evidence shall be submitted to the procuring agency along with their bid, however, the final award will be subject to the complete registration process.
	3.7	<p>A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this Bidding process, if they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are associated or have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by the Procuring Agency to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications and other documents to be used for the procurement of the information systems to be procured under this Invitation for Bids. b) have controlling shareholders in common; or c) receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or d) have the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid; or e) have a relationship with each other, directly or

		<p>through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the Bid of another Bidder, or influence the decisions of the Procuring Agency regarding this Bidding process; or</p> <p>f) Submit more than one Bid in this Bidding process.</p>
	3.8	<p>A Bidder may be ineligible if -</p> <p>(a) he is declared bankrupt or, in the case of company or firm, insolvent;</p> <p>(b) payments in favor of the Bidder is suspended in accordance with the judgment of a court of law other than a judgment declaring bankruptcy and resulting (in accordance with the national laws) in the total or partial loss of the right to administer and dispose of its property;</p> <p>(c) legal proceedings are instituted against such Bidder involving an order suspending payments and which may result, in accordance with the national laws, in a declaration of bankruptcy or in any other situation entailing the total or partial loss of the right to administer and dispose of the property;</p> <p>(d) the Bidder is convicted, by a final judgment, of any offence involving professional conduct;</p> <p>(e) the Bidder is blacklisted and hence debarred due to involvement in corrupt and fraudulent practices, or performance failure or due to breach of bid securing declaration.</p> <p>(f) The firm, supplier and contractor is blacklisted or debarred by a foreign country, international organization, or other foreign institutions for the period defined by them.</p>
	3.9	<p>Bidders shall provide to the Procuring Agency evidence of their eligibility, proof of compliance with the necessary legal requirements to carry out the contract effectively.</p>
	3.10	<p>Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility to the satisfaction of the Procuring Agency, as the Procuring Agency shall reasonably request.</p>
	3.11	<p>Bidders shall submit proposals relating to the nature, conditions and modalities of sub-contracting wherever</p>

		the sub-contracting of any elements of the contract amounting to the more than ten (10) percent of the Bid price is envisaged.
4. Eligible Information Systems	4.1	<p>For the purposes of these Bidding Documents, the Information System means all:</p> <p>a) the required information technologies, including all information processing and communications-related hardware, software, supplies, and consumable items that the Supplier is required to supply and install under the Contract, plus all associated documentation, and all other materials and goods to be supplied, installed, integrated, and made operational (collectively called “the Goods” in some clauses of the ITB); and</p> <p>b) the related software development, transportation, insurance, installation, customization, integration, commissioning, training, technical support, maintenance, repair, and other services necessary for proper operation of the Information System to be provided by the selected Bidder and as specified in the Contract.</p>
	4.2	All Information System made up of goods and services to be supplied under the contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries, and all expenditures made under the contract will be limited to the supply and installation information systems. For purpose of this Bid, ineligible countries are stated in the section-4 titled as “Eligible Countries”.
	4.3	For purposes of this Clause, “origin” means the place where the goods and services making Information System are produced in or supplied from. An Information System is deemed to be produced in a certain country when, in the territory of that country, through software development, manufacturing, or substantial or major assembly or integration of components, a commercially recognized product result that is substantially different in basic characteristic or in purpose or utility from its component.
	4.4	The nationality of the supplier that supplies and install the Information System shall not determine the origin of the goods.

	4.5	To establish the eligibility of the Goods and Services making Information System, Bidders shall fill the country-of-origin declarations included in the Form of Bid.
	4.6	If so required in the BDS , the Bidder shall demonstrate that it has been duly authorized for the supply and installation of Information System in Pakistan (or in respective country in case of procurement by the Pakistani Missions abroad), the Information System indicated in its Bid.
5. One Bid per Bidder	5.1	A bidder shall submit only one Bid, in the same bidding process, either individually as a Bidder or as a member in a joint venture or any similar arrangement.
	5.2	No bidder can be a sub-contractor while submitting a Bid individually or as a member of a joint venture in the same Bidding process.
	5.3	A person or a firm cannot be a sub-contractor with more than one bidder in the same bidding process.
6. Cost of Bidding	6.1	The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Procuring Agency shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

B. BIDDING DOCUMENTS

7. Contents of Bidding Documents	7.1	The Contents of the Bidding Documents listed below should be read in conjunction with any addenda issued in accordance with ITB 9.2 include: Section I -Invitation to Bids Section II Instructions to Bidders (ITBs) Section III Bid Data Sheet (BDS) Section IV Eligible Countries Section V Eligibility And Technical Qualification Criteria Section VI Technical Specifications, Schedule of Requirements Section VII Standard Forms Section VIII General Conditions of Contract (GCC) Section IX Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) Section X Contract Forms
	7.2	The number of copies to be completed and returned with the Bid is specified in the BDS .
	7.4	The Procuring Agency is not responsible for the

		completeness of the Bidding Documents and their addenda, if they were not obtained directly from the Procuring Agency or the signed pdf version from downloaded from the website of the Procuring Agency. However, Procuring Agency shall place both the pdf and same editable version to facilitate the bidder for filling the forms.
	7.5	The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the Bidding Documents. Failure to furnish all the information required in the Bidding Documents will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of his Bid.
8. Clarification of Bidding Documents, Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit	8.1	A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents may notify the Procuring Agency in writing or in electronic form that provides record of the content of communication at the Procuring Agency's address indicated in the BDS .
	8.2	The Procuring Agency will within three (3) working days after receiving the request for clarification, respond in writing or in electronic form to any request for clarification provided that such request is received not later than three (03) days prior to the deadline for the submission of Bids as prescribed in ITB 23.1 . However, this clause shall not apply in case of alternate methods of Procurement.
	8.3	Copies of the Procuring Agency's response will be forwarded to all identified Prospective Bidders through an identified source of communication, including a description of the inquiry, but without identifying its source. In case of downloading of the Bidding Documents from the website of PA, the response of all such queries will also be available on the same link available at the website.
	8.4	Should the Procuring Agency deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB 9 .
	8.5	If indicated in the BDS , the Bidder's designated representative is invited at the Bidder's cost to attend a pre-Bid meeting at the place, date and time mentioned

		in the BDS. During this pre-Bid meeting, prospective Bidders may request clarification of the schedule of requirement, the Evaluation Criteria or any other aspects of the Bidding Documents.
	8.6	Minutes of the pre-Bid meeting, if applicable, including the text of the questions asked by Bidders, including those during the meeting (without identifying the source) and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting will be transmitted promptly to all prospective Bidders who have obtained the Bidding Documents. Any modification to the Bidding Documents that may become necessary as a result of the pre-Bid meeting shall be made by the Procuring Agency exclusively through the use of an Addendum pursuant to ITB 9 . Non-attendance at the pre-Bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder.
	8.7	The Bidder may wish to visit and examine the site or sites of the Information System and obtain for itself, at its own responsibility and risk, all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into the Contract. The costs of visiting the site or sites shall be at the Bidder's own expense.
	8.8	The Procuring Agency will arrange for the Bidder and any of its personnel or agents to gain access to the relevant site or sites, provided that the Bidder gives the Procuring Agency adequate notice of a proposed visit of at least seven (07) days. Alternatively, the Procuring Agency may organize a site visit or visits concurrently with the pre-bid meeting, as specified in the BDS for ITB Clause 8.5. Failure of a Bidder to make a site visit will not be a cause for its disqualification
	8.9	No site visits shall be arranged or scheduled after the deadline for the submission of the Bids and prior to the award of Contract.
9. Amendment of Bidding Documents	9.1	Before the deadline for submission of Bids, the Procuring Agency for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder or pre-bid meeting may modify the Bidding Documents by issuing addenda.
	9.2	Any addendum issued including the notice of any

		<p>extension of the deadline shall be part of the Bidding Documents pursuant to ITB 7.1 and shall be communicated in writing or in any identified electronic form that provide record of the content of communication to all the bidders who have obtained the Bidding Documents from the Procuring Agency. The Procuring Agency shall promptly publish the Addendum at the Procuring Agency's web page identified in the BDS:</p> <p>Provided that the bidder who had either already submitted their bid or handed over the bid to the courier prior to the issuance of any such addendum shall have the right to withdraw his already filed bid and submit the revised bid prior to the original or extended bid submission deadline.</p>
	9.3	<p>To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum/corrigendum into account in preparing their Bids, the Procuring Agency may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Bids:</p> <p>Provided that the Procuring Agency shall extend the deadline for submission of Bid, if such an addendum is issued within last three (03) days of the Bid submission deadline.</p>

C. PREPARATION OF BIDS

10. Language of Bid	10.1	<p>The Bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Procuring Agency shall be written in the English language unless otherwise 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 pages in the English language unless specified in the BDS, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bidder, the translation shall govern.</p>
11. Documents Constituting the Bid	11.1	<p>The Bid prepared by the Bidder shall constitute the following components: -</p> <p>a) Form of Bid and Bid Prices completed in accordance</p>

		<p>with ITB 14 and 15;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Details of the Sample(s) where applicable and requested in the BDS. c) Documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 13 that the Bidder is eligible and/or qualified for the subject bidding process; d) Documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 13.3(a) that the Bidder has been authorized by the manufacturer to deliver the goods and services making Information System into Pakistan, where required and where the supplier is not the manufacturer of those goods and service making Information System; e) Documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 12 that the goods and services making Information System to be supplied by the Bidder are eligible, and conform to the Bidding Documents; f) Bid security or Bid Securing Declaration furnished in accordance with ITB 18; g) Duly Notarized Power of Attorney authorizing the signatory of the Bidder to submit the bid; and h) Any other document required in the BDS.
<p>12. Documents Establishing Eligibility of the Information System and Conformity to Bidding</p>	<p>12.1</p>	<p>Pursuant to ITB 11, the Bidder shall furnish, as part of its Bid, all those documents establishing the eligibility in conformity to the terms and conditions specified in the Bidding Documents for all goods and services making information system which the Bidder proposes to deliver.</p>

Documents	12.2	The documentary evidence of the eligibility of the Information System shall consist of a statement in the Price Schedule of the country of origin of the goods and services making Information System offered which shall be confirmed by a certificate of origin issued at the time of shipment.
	12.3	<p>The documentary evidence of conformity of the goods and services making Information Systems to the Bidding Documents may be in the form of literature, drawings, and data, and shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a detailed description of the essential technical specifications and performance characteristics of the Goods; b) an item-by-item commentary on the Procuring Agency’s Technical Specifications demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the Goods and Services to those specifications, or a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Technical Specifications; c) any other procurement specific documentation requirement as stated in the BDS.
	12.4	For purposes of the commentary to be furnished pursuant to ITB 12.3(c) above, the Bidder shall note that standards for workmanship, material, and equipment, as well as references to brand names or catalogue numbers designated by the Procuring Agency in its Technical Specifications, are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The Bidder may substitute alternative standards, brand names, and/or catalogue numbers in its Bid, provided that it demonstrates to the Procuring Agency’s satisfaction that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence to those designated in the Technical Specifications.
	12.6	The required documents and other accompanying documents must be in English. In case any other language than English is used the pertinent translation into English shall be attached to the original version.
13. Documents	13.1	Pursuant to ITB 11 , the Bidder shall furnish, as part of its

<i>Establishing Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder</i>		Bid, all those documents establishing the Bidder's eligibility to participate in the bidding process and/or its qualification to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted.
	13.2	The documentary evidence of the Bidder's eligibility to Bid shall establish to the satisfaction of the Procuring Agency that the Bidder, at the time of submission of its bid, is from an eligible country as defined in Section-IV titled as "Eligible Countries".
	13.3	<p>The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted shall establish to the satisfaction of Procuring Agency that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in the case of a Bidder offering to supply and install Information System under the contract which the Bidder did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Bidder has been duly authorized by the Manufacturer or producer to supply and install the information system in Pakistan; b) the Bidder has the financial, technical, and supply/production capability necessary to perform the Contract, meets the qualification criteria specified in BDS. c) in the case of a Bidder not doing business within Pakistan, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Pakistan equipped, and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair, and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications. d) that the Bidder meets the qualification criteria listed in the Bid Data Sheet.
	13.4	<p>The documentary evidence of conformity of the Information System to the Bidding Documents shall be in the form of written descriptions, literature, diagrams, certifications, and client references, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Bidder's technical bid, i.e., a detailed description of the Bidder's proposed technical solution conforming in all material aspects with the Technical Requirements and other parts of these Bidding Documents, overall as well as in regard to the essential technical and performance characteristics of each component making up the proposed

		<p>Information System;</p> <p>b) an item-by-item commentary on the Procuring Agency's Technical Requirements, demonstrating the substantial responsiveness of the Information System offered to those requirements. In demonstrating responsiveness, the commentary shall include explicit cross references to the relevant pages in the supporting materials included in the bid. Whenever a discrepancy arises between the item-by-item commentary and any catalogs, technical specifications, or other preprinted materials submitted with the bid, the item-by-item commentary shall prevail;</p> <p>c) Preliminary Project Plan describing, among other things, the methods by which the Bidder will carry out its overall management and coordination responsibilities if awarded the Contract, and the human and other resources the Bidder proposes to use. The Plan should include a detailed Contract Implementation Schedule in bar chart form, showing the estimated duration, sequence, and interrelationship of all key activities needed to complete the Contract. The Preliminary Project Plan must also address any other topics specified in the BDS. In addition, the Preliminary Project Plan should state the Bidder's assessment of what it expects the Procuring Agency and any other party involved in the implementation of the Information System to provide during implementation and how the Bidder proposes to coordinate the activities of all involved parties;</p> <p>d) a written confirmation that the Bidder accepts responsibility for the successful integration and inter-operability of all components of the Information System as required by the Bidding Documents.</p>
14. Form of Bid	14.1	The Bidder shall fill the Form of Bid furnished in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Form must be completed without any alterations to its format and no substitute shall be accepted.
15. Bid Prices	15.1	The Bid Prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Form of Bid and in the Price Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below in ITB Clause 15 or exclusively mentioned hereafter in the bidding

		documents.
	15.2	All items in the Schedule of requirement must be listed and priced separately in the Price Schedule(s). If a Price Schedule shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be construed to be included in the prices of other items.
	15.3	<p>Items not listed in the Price Schedule shall be assumed not to be included in the Bid, and provided that the Bid is still substantially responsive in their absence or due to their nominal nature, the corresponding average price of the respective item(s) of the remaining substantially responsive bidder(s) shall be construed to be the price of those missing item(s):</p> <p>Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) where there is only one (substantially) responsive bidder, or b) where there is provision for alternate proposals and the respective items are not listed in the other bids, <p>the procuring agency may fix the price of missing items in accordance with market survey, and the same shall be considered as final price.</p>
	15.4	The Bid price to be quoted in the Form of Bid in accordance with ITB 15.1 shall be the total price of the Bid, excluding any discounts offered.
	15.5	The Bidder shall indicate on the appropriate Price Schedule, the unit prices (where applicable) and total Bid price of the goods it proposes to deliver under the contract.
	15.6	<p>Prices indicated on the Price Schedule shall be entered separately in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For goods manufactured from within Pakistan (or within the country where procurement is being done in case of foreign missions abroad): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the price of the goods quoted EXW (ex-works, ex-factory, ex-warehouse, ex-showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable), including all customs duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable:

	<p>A. on the components and raw material used in the manufacturing or assembly of goods quoted ex- works or ex-factory; or</p> <p>B. on the previously imported goods of foreign origin quoted ex-warehouse, ex-showroom, or off-the-shelf.</p> <p>ii) all applicable taxes which will be payable on the goods if the contract is awarded.</p> <p>iii) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local costs incidental to delivery of the goods to their final destination, if specified in the BDS.</p> <p>iv) the price of other (incidental or allied) services, if any, listed in the BDS.</p> <p>b) For goods offered from abroad:</p> <p>i) the price of the goods shall be quoted CIF named port of destination, or CIP border point, or CIP named place of destination, in the Procuring Agency's country, as specified in the BDS. In quoting the price, the Bidder shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible countries. Similarly, the Bidder may obtain insurance services from any eligible source country. or</p> <p>ii) the price of the goods quoted FOB port of shipment (or FCA, as the case may be), if specified in the BDS. or</p> <p>iii) the price of goods quoted CFR port of destination (or CPT as the case may be), if specified in the BDS.</p> <p>iv) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local costs incidental to delivery of the goods from the port of entry to their final destination, if</p>
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		<p>specified in the BDS.</p> <p>v) the price of (incidental) services, if any, listed in the BDS.</p>
	15.7	<p>Prices proposed on the Price Schedule for goods and related services shall be disaggregated, where appropriate as indicated in this Clause. This desegregation shall be solely for the purpose of facilitating the comparison of Bids by the Procuring Agency. This, shall not in any way limit the Procuring Agency's right to contract on any of the terms and conditions offered: -</p> <p>a) For Goods: -</p> <p>i) the price of the Goods, quoted as per applicable INCOTERMS as specified in the BDS</p> <p>ii) all customs duties, sales tax, and other taxes applicable on goods or on the components and raw materials used in their manufacture or assembly, if the contract is awarded to the Bidder, and</p> <p>b) For Related Services</p> <p>i) The price of the related services, and</p> <p>ii) All customs duties, sales tax and other taxes applicable in Pakistan, paid or payable, on the related services, if the contract is awarded to the Bidder.</p>
	15.8	<p>Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price will be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected, pursuant to ITB 29.</p>
	15.9	<p>If so indicated in the Invitation to Bids and Instructions to Bidders, that Bids are being invited for individual contracts (Lots) or for any combination of contracts (packages), Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction for the award of more than one contract shall specify in their Bid the price reductions applicable to each package,</p>

		or alternatively, to individual contracts (Lots) within a package.
16. Bid Currencies	16.1	Prices shall be quoted in the following currencies: a) For goods and services that the Bidder will deliver from within Pakistan, the prices shall be quoted in Pakistani Rupees, unless otherwise specified in the BDS . b) For goods and related services that the Bidder will deliver from outside Pakistan, or for imported parts or components of goods and related services originating outside Pakistan, the Bid prices shall be quoted in any freely convertible currency of another country.
	16.2	For the purposes of comparison of bids quoted in different currencies, the price shall be converted into a single currency specified in the bidding documents. The rate of exchange shall be the selling rate, prevailing on the date of opening of (financial part of) bids specified in the bidding documents, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan on that day.
	16.3	The Currency of the Contract shall be Pakistani Rupee unless otherwise stated in the BDS.
17. Bid Validity Period	17.1	Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS after the Bid submission deadline prescribed by the Procuring Agency. A Bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Procuring Agency as non-responsive. The period of Bid validity will be determined from the complementary bid securing instrument i.e., the expiry period of bid security or bid securing declaration as the case may be.
	17.2	Under exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the initial Bid validity period, the Procuring Agency may request the Bidders' consent to an extension of the period of validity of their Bids only once, for the period not more than the period of initial bid validity. The request and the Bidders responses shall be made in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication. The Bid Security provided under ITB 18 shall also be suitably extended. A Bidder

		may refuse the request without forfeiting its Bid security or causing to be executed its Bid Securing Declaration. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its Bid, but will be required to extend the validity of its Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration for the period of the extension, and in compliance with ITB 18 in all respects.
	17.3	If the award is delayed by a period exceeding sixty (60) days beyond the expiry of the initial Bid validity period, the contract price may be adjusted by a factor specified in the request for extension. However, the Bid evaluation shall be based on the already quoted Bid Price without taking into consideration on the above correction.
18. Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration	18.1	Pursuant to ITB 11 , unless otherwise specified in the BDS , the Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid, a Bid Security in form of fixed amount not exceeding five percent of the estimated value of procurement determined by the procuring agency and in the amount and currency specified in the BDS or Bid Securing Declaration as specified in the BDS in the format provided in Section VII (Standard Forms) .
	18.2	The Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration is required to protect the Procuring Agency against the risk of Bidder's conduct which would warrant the security's forfeiture, pursuant to ITB 18.9 .
	18.3	The Bid Security shall be denominated in the local currency or in another freely convertible currency, and it shall be in the form specified in the BDS which shall be in any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a bank guarantee, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Scheduled bank in the form provided in the Bidding Documents or another form acceptable to the Procuring Agency and valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the end of the validity of the Bid. This shall also apply if the period for Bid Validity is extended. In either case, the form must include the complete name of the Bidder; b) a cashier's or certified cheque; or

		c) another security if indicated in the BDS
	18.4	The Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration shall be in accordance with the Form of the Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration included in Section VII (Standard Forms) or another form approved by the Procuring Agency prior to the Bid submission.
	18.5	The Bid Security shall be payable promptly upon written demand by the Procuring Agency in case any of the conditions listed in ITB 18.9 are invoked.
	18.6	Any Bid not accompanied by a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration in accordance with ITB 18.1 or 18.3 shall be rejected by the Procuring Agency as non-responsive, pursuant to ITB 29 .
	18.7	<p>Unsuccessful Bidders' Bid Security will be discharged or returned as promptly as possible, however in no case later than twenty eight (28) days after the expiration of the period of Bid Validity prescribed by the Procuring Agency pursuant to ITB 17. The Procuring Agency shall make no claim to the amount of the Bid Security, and shall promptly return the Bid Security document, after whichever of the following that occurs earliest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the expiry of the Bid Security; (b) the entry into force of a procurement contract and the provision of a performance security (or guarantee), for the performance of the contract if such a security (or guarantee), is required by the Bidding documents; (c) the rejection by the Procuring Agency of all Bids; (d) the withdrawal of the Bid prior to the deadline for the submission of Bids, unless the Bidding documents stipulate that no such withdrawal is permitted.
	18.8	The successful Bidder's Bid Security will be discharged upon the Bidder signing the contract pursuant to ITB 42 , or furnishing the performance guarantee, pursuant to ITB 43 .
	18.9	The Bid Security may be forfeited or the Bid Securing

		<p>Declaration executed:</p> <p>a) if a Bidder:</p> <p>i) withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid Validity as specified by the Procuring Agency, and referred by the bidder on the Form of Bid except as provided for in ITB 17.2; or</p> <p>ii) does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to ITB 31.2; or</p> <p>b) in the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails:</p> <p>i) to sign the contract in accordance with ITB 42; or</p> <p>ii) to furnish performance security (or guarantee) in accordance with ITB 43.</p>
19. Alternative Bids by Bidders	19.1	Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the Bidding Documents, including the basic Bidder's technical design as indicated in the specifications and Schedule of Requirements. Alternatives will not be considered, unless specifically allowed for in the BDS . If so allowed, ITB 19.2 shall prevail.
	19.2	When alternative schedule for supply and installation of Information System is explicitly invited, a statement of that effect will be included in the BDS as will the method for evaluating different schedule for Information System.
	19.3	If so allowed in the BDS , Bidders wishing to offer technical alternatives to the requirements of the Bidding Documents must also submit a Bid that complies with the requirements of the Bidding Documents, including the basic technical design as indicated in the 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 Agency, including technical specifications, breakdown of prices, and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the Most Advantageous Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements (without

		altering the bid price) shall be considered by the Procuring Agency.
20. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids	20.1	Before bid submission deadline, any bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice, duly signed by an authorized representative, and the corresponding substitution or modification must accompany the respective written notice.
	20.2	Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB 20.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
21. Format and Signing of Bid	21.1	The Bidder shall prepare an original and the number of copies of the Bid as indicated in the BDS , clearly marking each "ORIGINAL" and "COPY," as appropriate. In the event of any discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail: Provided that except in Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, the Bid shall include only the copies of technical proposal.
	21.2	The original and the copy or copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. This authorization shall consist of a written confirmation as specified in the BDS and shall be attached to the Bid. The name and position held by each person signing the authorization must be typed or printed below the signature. All pages of the Bid, except for un-amended printed literature, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.
	21.3	Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed by the person or persons signing the Bidder.

D. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

22. Sealing and Marking of Bids	22.1	In case of Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, the Bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the Bid in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY." The envelopes shall then be sealed in an outer envelope securely sealed in such a manner that opening and resealing cannot be achieved undetected. Note: <i>The envelopes shall be sealed and marked in accordance</i>
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		<i>with the bidding procedure adopted as referred in Rule-36 of PPR-2004.</i>
	22.2	<p>The inner and outer envelopes shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be addressed to the Procuring Agency at the address given in the BDS; and b) bear the title of the subject procurement or Project name, as the case may be as indicated in the BDS, the Invitation to Bids (ITB) title and number indicated in the BDS, and a statement: “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE,” to be completed with the time and the date specified in the BDS, pursuant to ITB 23.1.
	22.3	<p>In case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure, The Bid shall comprise two envelopes submitted simultaneously, one called the Technical Proposal and the other Financial Proposal. Both envelopes to be enclosed together in an outer single envelope called the Bid. Each Bidder shall submit his bid as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bidder shall submit his TECHNICAL PROPOSAL and FINANCIAL PROPOSAL in separate inner envelopes and enclosed in a single outer envelope. b) ORIGINAL and each copy of the Bid shall be separately sealed and put in separate envelopes and marked as such. c) (c) The envelopes containing the ORIGINAL and copies will be put in one sealed envelope and addressed / identified as given in Sub- Clause 21.2.
	22.4	<p>The inner and outer envelopes shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be addressed to the Procuring Agency at the address provided in the Bidding Data; b) bear the name and identification number of the contract as defined in the Bidding Data; and provide a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, as specified in the Bidding Data. pursuant to ITB 23.1. c) In addition to the identification required in Sub-Clause 21.2 hereof, the inner envelope 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 Clause IB.24

		If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required by ITB 22.2, ITB 22.3 and ITB 22.4 or incorrectly marked, the Procuring Agency will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of Bid.
23. Deadline for Submission of Bids	23.1	Bids shall be received by the Procuring Agency no later than the date and time specified in the BDS .
	23.2	The Procuring Agency may, in exceptional circumstances and at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB 9 , in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring Agency and Bidders previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline.
24. Late Bids	24.1	The Procuring Agency shall not consider for evaluation any Bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of Bids, in accordance with ITB 23 .
	24.2	Any Bid received by the Procuring Agency after the deadline for submission of Bids shall be declared late, recorded, rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.
25. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids	25.1	A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its bid after submission, provided that written notice of the withdrawal, substitution, or modification is received by the Procuring Agency prior to the deadline prescribed for bid submission. All notices must be duly signed by an authorized representative and shall include a copy of the authorization (the power of attorney).
	25.2	The Bidder modification, substitution or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of ITB Clauses 21 and 22 with the outer and inner envelopes additionally marked "MODIFICATION", "SUBSTITUTION" OR "WITHDRAWAL" as appropriate. The notice may also be sent by electronic, telex and facsimile, but followed by a signed confirmation copy, postmarked no later than the deadline for submission of Bids.
	25.3	Bids may only be modified by withdrawal of the original Bids and submission of a replacement Bid in accordance with sub-Clause 25.1. Modifications submitted in any other way shall not be taken into account in the evaluation of Bids.

	25.4	Bidders may only offer discounts to or otherwise modify the prices of their Bids by substituting Bid modifications in accordance with this clause or included in the original bid submission.
	25.5	No Bid may be withdrawn, replaced or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Form of Bid. Withdrawal of a Bid during this interval shall result in the Bidders forfeiture of its Bid Security or execution of the Bid Securing Declaration.
	25.6	Revised bid may be submitted after the withdrawal of the original bid in accordance with the provisions referred in ITB 25.

E. OPENING AND EVALUATION OF BIDS

26. Opening of Bids	26.1	The Procuring Agency will open all Bids, in public, in the presence of Bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend, and other parties with a legitimate interest in the Bid proceedings at the place, on the date and at the time, specified in the BDS . The Bidders' representatives present shall sign a register as proof of their attendance.
	26.2	First, envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding Withdrawal Notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening.
	26.3	Second, outer envelopes marked "SUBSTITUTION" shall be opened. The inner envelopes containing the Substitution Bid shall be exchanged for the corresponding Original Bid being substituted, which is to be returned to the Bidder unopened. No envelope shall be substituted unless the corresponding Substitution Notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out and recorded at bid opening.
	26.4	Next, outer envelopes marked "MODIFICATION" shall be opened. No Technical Proposal and/or Financial

		Proposal shall be modified unless the corresponding Modification Notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out and recorded at the opening of the Bids. Any Modification shall be read out along with the Original Bid except in case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure where only the Technical Proposal, both Original as well as Modification, are to be opened, read out, and recorded at the opening. Financial Proposal, both Original and Modification, will remain unopened till the prescribed financial bid opening date.
	26.5	Other envelopes holding the Bids shall be opened one at a time, in case of Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, 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, the presence or absence of Bid Security, Bid Securing Declaration and such other details as the Procuring Agency may consider appropriate, will be announced by the Procurement Evaluation Committee.
	26.6	In case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure, the Procuring Agency will open the Technical Proposals in public at the address, date and time specified in the BDS in the presence of Bidders` designated representatives who choose to attend and other parties with a legitimate interest in the Bid proceedings. The Financial Proposals will remain unopened and will be held in custody of the Procuring Agency until the specified time of their opening.
	26.7	The envelopes holding the Technical Proposals shall be opened one at a time, and the following read out and recorded: (a) the name of the Bidder; (b) whether there is a modification or substitution; (c) the presence of a Bid Security, if required; and (d) Any other details as the Procuring Agency may consider appropriate.
	26.8	Bids not opened and not read out at the Bid opening shall not be considered further for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances. In particular, any discount offered by a Bidder which is not read out at Bid opening shall not be considered further.
	26.9	Bidders are advised to send in a representative with the knowledge of the content of the Bid who shall verify the

		information read out from the submitted documents. Failure to send a representative or to point out any un-read information by the sent Bidder's representative shall indemnify the Procuring Agency against any claim or failure to read out the correct information contained in the Bidder's Bid.
	26.10	No Bid will be rejected at the time of Bid opening except for late Bids which will be returned unopened to the Bidder, pursuant to ITB 24 .
	26.11	The Procuring Agency shall prepare minutes of the Bid opening. The record of the Bid opening shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether or not there is a withdrawal, substitution or modification, the Bid price if applicable, including any discounts and alternative offers and the presence or absence of a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration.
	26.12	The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign on the attendance sheet. The omission of a Bidder's signature on the record shall not invalidate the contents and affect the record. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all the Bidders.
	26.13	A copy of the minutes of the Bid opening shall be furnished to individual Bidders upon request.
	26.14	In case of Single Stage Two Envelop Bidding Procedure, after the evaluation and approval of technical proposal the procuring agency, shall at a time within the bid validity period, publically open the financial proposals of the technically accepted bids only. The financial proposal of bids found technically non-responsive shall be returned un-opened to the respective bidders subject to redress of the grievances from all tiers of grievances.
27. Confidentiality	27.1	Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of Bids and recommendation of contract award shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the time of the announcement of the respective evaluation report.
	27.2	Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Procuring Agency processing of Bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of its Bid.
	27.3	Notwithstanding ITB 27.2 from the time of Bid opening

		to the time of contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Procuring Agency on any matter related to the Bidding process, it should do so in writing or in electronic forms that provides record of the content of communication.
28. Clarification of Bids	28.1	To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Bids of the Bidders, the Procuring Agency may, ask any Bidder for a clarification. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder that is not in response to a request by the Procuring Agency shall not be considered.
	28.2	The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication. In case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure, no change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, whereas in case of Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, only the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Procuring Agency in the evaluation of Bids should be sought in accordance with ITB 31 .
	28.3	The alteration or modification in THE BID which in any affect the following parameters will be considered as a change in the substance of a bid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) evaluation & qualification criteria; b) required scope of work or specifications; c) all securities requirements; d) tax requirements; e) terms and conditions of bidding documents. f) change in the ranking of the bidder
	28.4	From the time of Bid opening to the time of Contract award if any Bidder wishes to contact the Procuring Agency on any matter related to the Bid it should do so in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication.
29. Preliminary Examination of Bids	29.1	Prior to the detailed evaluation of Bids, the Procuring Agency will determine whether each Bid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) meets the eligibility criteria defined in ITB 3 and ITB 4; b) has been prepared as per the format and contents defined by the Procuring Agency in the Bidding Documents;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) has been properly signed; d) is accompanied by the required securities; and e) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents. <p>The Procuring Agency's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself.</p>
	29.2	<p>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 that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Services; b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Procuring Agency's rights or the Bidders obligations under the Contract; or c) if rectified, would affect unfairly the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive Bids.
	29.3	<p>The Procuring Agency will confirm that the documents and information specified under ITB 11, 12 and 13 have been provided in the Bid. If any of these documents or information is missing, or is not provided in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, the Bid shall be rejected.</p>
	29.4	<p>The Procuring Agency may waive off any minor informality, nonconformity, or irregularity in a Bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver does not prejudice or affect the relative ranking of any Bidder.</p> <p><i>Explanation: A minor informality, non-conformity or irregularity is one that is merely a matter of form and not of substance. It also pertains to some immaterial defect in a Bid or variation of a bid from the exact requirements of the invitation that can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to</i></p>

		<p><i>other bidders. The defect or variation is immaterial when the effect on quantity, quality, or delivery is negligible when contrasted with the total cost or scope of the supplies or services being acquired. The Procuring Agency either shall give the bidder an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor informality or irregularity in a bid or waive the deficiency, whichever is advantageous to the Procuring Agency. Examples of minor informalities or irregularities include failure of a bidder to –</i></p> <p><i>(a) Submit the number of copies of signed bids required by the invitation;</i></p> <p><i>(b) Furnish required information concerning the number of its employees;</i></p> <p><i>(c) the firm submitting a bid has formally adopted or authorized, before the date set for opening of bids, the execution of documents by typewritten, printed, or stamped signature and submits evidence of such authorization and the bid carries such a signature.</i></p>
	29.5	<p>Provided that a Technical Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Agency may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Technical Bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such nonconformities shall not be related to any such aspect of the technical Proposal linked with the ranking of the bidders. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.</p>
	29.6	<p>Provided that a Technical Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Agency shall rectify quantifiable nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions related to the Financial Proposal. To this effect, the Bid Price shall be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the price of the missing or nonconforming item or component.</p>
	29.7	<p>If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the Procuring Agency and may not subsequently be evaluated for complete technical responsiveness.</p>
30. Examination of	30.1	<p>The Procuring Agency shall examine the Bid to confirm</p>

<i>Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation</i>		that all terms and conditions specified in the GCC and the SCC have been accepted by the Bidder without any material deviation or reservation.
	30.2	The Procuring Agency shall evaluate the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with ITB 22 , to confirm that all requirements specified in Section VI – Schedule of Requirements, Technical Specifications of the Bidding Documents have been met without material deviation or reservation.
	30.3	If after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Procuring Agency determines that the Bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB 29 , it shall reject the Bid.
31. Correction of Errors	31.1	<p>Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked for any arithmetic errors. Errors will be corrected as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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, unless in the opinion of the Procuring Agency there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which the total price as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of sub-totals, the sub-totals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and c) where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will govern. d) Where there is discrepancy between grand total of price schedule and amount mentioned on the Form of Bid, the amount referred in Price Schedule shall be treated as correct subject to elimination of other errors.

	31.2	The amount stated in the Bid will, be adjusted by the Procuring Agency 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, its Bid will then be rejected, and the Bid Security may be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration may be executed in accordance with ITB 18.9 .
32. Conversion to Single Currency	32.1	To facilitate evaluation and comparison, the Procuring Agency will convert all Bid prices expressed in the amounts in various currencies in which the Bid prices are payable. For the purposes of comparison of bids quoted in different currencies, the price shall be converted into a single currency specified in the bidding documents. The rate of exchange shall be the selling rate, prevailing on the date of opening of (financial part of) bids specified in the bidding documents, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan on that day.
	32.2	The currency selected for converting Bid prices to a common base for the purpose of evaluation, along with the source and date of the exchange rate, are specified in the BDS .
33. Evaluation of Bids	33.1	The Procuring Agency shall evaluate and compare only the Bids determined to be substantially responsive, pursuant to ITB 29 .
	33.2	In evaluating the Technical Proposal of each Bid, the Procuring Agency shall use the criteria and methodologies listed in the BDS and in terms of Statement of Requirements and Technical Specifications. No other evaluation criteria or methodologies shall be permitted.
	33.2	The Procuring Agency's evaluation of a Bid will take into account: a) in the case of goods manufactured in Pakistan or goods of foreign origin already imported in Pakistan, Income Tax, General Sales Tax and other similar/applicable taxes, which will be payable on the goods if a contract is awarded to the Bidder;

		b) in the case of goods of foreign origin offered from abroad, customs duties and other similar import taxes which will be payable on the goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and
	33.3	The comparison shall be between the EXW price of the goods offered from within Pakistan, such price to include all costs, as well as duties and taxes paid or payable on components and raw material incorporated or to be incorporated in the goods, and named port of destination, border point, or named place of destination) in accordance with applicable INCOTERM in the price of the goods offered from outside Pakistan.
		<p>In evaluating the Bidders, the evaluation committee will, in addition to the Bid price quoted in accordance with ITB 15.1, take account of one or more of the following factors as specified in the BDS, and quantified in ITB 32.5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cost of inland transportation, insurance, and other costs within the Pakistan incidental to delivery of the goods to their final destination. b) delivery schedule offered in the Bid; c) deviations in payment schedule from that specified in the Special Conditions of Contract; d) the cost of components, mandatory spare parts, and service; e) the availability (in Pakistan) of spare parts and after-sales services for the equipment offered in the Bid; f) the projected operating and maintenance costs during the life of the equipment; g) the performance and productivity of the equipment offered; and/or h) other specific criteria indicated in the TBS and/or in the Technical Specifications.
	33.5	For factors retained in BDS , pursuant to ITB 33.4 one or more of the following quantification methods will be applied, as detailed in the BDS :

(a) Inland transportation from EXW/port of entry/border point, Insurance and incidentals.

Inland transportation, insurance, and other incidental costs for delivery of the goods from EXW/port of entry/border point to Project Site named in the **BDS** will be computed for each Bid by the PA on the basis of published tariffs by the rail or road transport agencies, insurance companies, and/or other appropriate sources. To facilitate such computation, Bidder shall furnish in its Bid the estimated dimensions and shipping weight and the approximate EXW or as per applicable INCOTERM value of each package. The above cost will be added by the Procuring Agency to EXW or as per applicable INCOTERM price.

(b) Delivery schedule.

i) The Procuring Agency requires that the goods under the Invitation for Bids shall be delivered (shipped) at the time specified in the Schedule of Requirements. The estimated time of arrival of the goods at the Project Site will be calculated for each Bid after allowing for reasonable international and inland transportation time. Treating the Bid resulting in such time of arrival as the base, a delivery "adjustment" will be calculated for other Bids by applying a percentage, specified in the **BDS**, of the EXW or as per applicable INCOTERM price for each week of delay beyond the base, and this will be added to the Bid price for evaluation. No credit shall be given to early delivery.

Or

ii) The goods covered under this invitation are required to be delivered (shipped) within an acceptable range of weeks specified in the

Schedule of Requirement. **No credit will be given to earlier deliveries, and Bids offering delivery beyond this range will be treated as non-responsive.** Within this acceptable range, an adjustment per week, as specified in the **BDS**, will be added for evaluation to the Bid price of Bids offering deliveries later than the earliest delivery period specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

Or

- (iii) The goods covered under this invitation are required to be delivered (shipped) in partial shipments, as specified in the Schedule of Requirements. Bids offering deliveries earlier or later than the specified deliveries will be adjusted in the evaluation by adding to the Bid price a factor equal to a percentage, specified in the **BDS**, of EXW or as per applicable INCOTERM price per week of variation from the specified delivery schedule.

(c) *Deviation in payment schedule.*

- i) Bidders shall state their Bid price for the payment schedule outlined in the **SCC**. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of this base price. Bidders are, however, permitted to state an alternative payment schedule and indicate the reduction in Bid price they wish to offer for such alternative payment schedule. The Procuring Agency may consider the alternative payment schedule offered by the selected Bidder.

Or

- ii) The **SCC** stipulates the payment schedule offered by the Procuring Agency. If a Bid deviates from the schedule and if such deviation is considered acceptable to the

Procuring Agency, the Bid will be evaluated by calculating interest earned for any earlier payments involved in the terms outlined in the Bid as compared with those stipulated in this invitation, at the rate per annum specified in the **BDS**.

(d) Cost of spare parts

- i) The list of items and quantities of major assemblies, components, and selected spare parts, likely to be required during the initial period of operation specified in the **BDS**, is annexed to the Technical Specifications. The total cost of these items, at the unit prices quoted in each Bid, will be added to the Bid price.

Or

- ii) The Procuring Agency will draw up a list of high-usage and high-value items of components and spare parts, along with estimated quantities of usage in the initial period of operation specified in the **BDS**. The total cost of these items and quantities will be computed from spare parts unit prices submitted by the Bidder and added to the Bid price.

Or

- iii) The Procuring Agency will estimate the cost of spare parts usage in the initial period of operation specified in the **BDS**, based on information furnished by each Bidder, as well as on past experience of the Procuring Agency or other Procuring Agency's in similar situations. Such costs shall be added to the Bid price for evaluation.

(e) Spare parts and after sales service facilities in Pakistan

The cost to the Procuring Agency of establishing

the minimum service facilities and parts inventories, as outlined in the **BDS** or elsewhere in the Bidding Documents, if quoted separately, shall be added to the Bid price.

(f) Operating and maintenance costs

Since the operating and maintenance costs of the goods under procurement form a major part of the life cycle cost of the equipment, these costs will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in the **BDS** or in the Technical Specifications.

(g) Performance and productivity of the equipment.

(i) Bidders shall state the guaranteed performance or efficiency in response to the Technical Specification. For each drop in the performance or efficiency below the norm of 100, an adjustment for an amount specified in the **BDS** will be added to the Bid Price, representing the capitalized cost of additional operating costs over the life of the plant, using the methodology specified in the **BDS** or in the Technical Specifications.

Or

(ii) Goods offered shall have a minimum productivity specified under the relevant provision in the Technical Specifications to be considered responsive. Evaluation shall be based on the cost per unit of the actual productivity of goods offered in the Bid, and adjustment will be added to the Bid price using the methodology specified in the **BDS** or in the Technical Specifications.

(h) Specific additional criteria.

Other specific additional criteria to be considered in the evaluation and the evaluation method shall be

		detailed in the BDS and/or the Technical Specifications.
	33.6	If these Bidding Documents allow Bidders to quote separate prices for different Lots, and the award to a single Bidder of multiple Lots, the methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest evaluated Lot combinations, including any discounts offered in the Form of Bid, is specified in the BDS .
34. Domestic Preference	34.1	If the BDS so specifies, the Procuring Agency will grant a margin of preference to certain goods in line with the rules, regulations, regulatory guides or instructions issued by the Authority from time to time.
35. Determination of Most Advantageous Bid	35.1	In case where the Procuring Agency adopts the Cost Based Evaluation Technique and, the Bid with the lowest evaluated price from amongst those which are eligible, compliant and substantially responsive shall be the Most Advantageous Bid.
	35.2	<p>The Procuring Agency may adopt the Quality & Cost Based Selection Technique due to the following two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Where the Procuring Agency knows about the main features, usage and output of the products; however not clear about the complete features, technical specifications and functionalities of the goods to be procured and requires the bidders to submit their proposals defining those features, specifications and functionalities; or ii. Where the Procuring Agency, in addition to the mandatory requirements and mandatory technical specifications, requires parameters specified in Evaluation Criteria to be evaluated while determining the quality of the goods: <p>In such cases, the Procuring Agency may allocate certain weightage to these factors as a part of Evaluation Criteria, and may determine the ranking of the bidders on the basis of combined evaluation in accordance with provisions of Rule 2(1)(h) of PPR-2004.</p>
36. Abnormally	36.1	Where the Bid price is considered to be abnormally low,

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the Procuring Agency shall perform price analysis either during determination of Most Advantageous Bid or as a part of the post-qualification process. The following process shall apply:

(a) The Procuring Agency may reject a Bid if the Procuring Agency has determined that the price in combination with other constituent elements of the Bid is abnormally low in relation to the subject matter of the procurement (i.e. scope of the procurement or ancillary services) and raises concerns as to the capability and capacity of the respective Bidder to perform that contract;

(b) Before rejecting an abnormally low Bid the Procuring Agency shall request the Bidder an explanation of the Bid or of those parts which it considers contribute to the Bid being abnormally low; take account of the evidence provided in response to a request in writing; and subsequently verify the Bid or parts of the Bid being abnormally low;

(c) The decision of the Procuring Agency to reject a Bid and reasons for the decision shall be recorded in the procurement proceedings and promptly communicated to the Bidder concerned;

(d) The Procuring Agency shall not incur any liability solely by rejecting abnormally Bid; and

(e) An abnormally low Bid means, in the light of the Procuring Agency's estimate and of all the Bids submitted, the Bid appears to be abnormally low by not providing a margin for normal levels of profit.

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In order to identify the Abnormally Low Bid (ALB) following approaches can be considered to minimize the scope of subjectivity:

(i) Comparing the bid price with the cost estimate;

		<p>(ii) Comparing the bid price with the bids offered by other bidders submitting substantially responsive bids; and</p> <p>(iii) Comparing the bid price with prices paid in similar contracts in the recent past either government- or development partner-funded.</p>
	36.2	The Procuring Agency will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the most advantageous Bid is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily, in accordance with the criteria listed in ITB 13.3.
	36.3	The determination will take into account the Bidder's financial, technical, and production capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB 13.3, as well as such other information as the Procuring Agency deems necessary and appropriate. Factors not included in these Bidding Documents shall not be used in the evaluation of the Bidders' qualifications.
	36.4	<p>Procuring Agency may seek "Certificate for Independent Price Determination" from the Bidder and the results of reference checks may be used in determining award of contract.</p> <p>Explanation: The Certificate shall be furnished by the bidder. The bidder shall certify that the price is determined keeping in view of all the essential aspects such as raw material, its processing, value addition, optimization of resources due to economy of scale, transportation, insurance and margin of profit etc.</p>
	36.5	An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the contract to the Bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Bidder's Bid, in which event the Procuring Agency will proceed to the next ranked bidder to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

<p>37. Criteria of Award</p>	<p>37.1</p>	<p>Subject to ITB 36 and 38, the Procuring Agency will award the Contract to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents and who has been declared as Most Advantageous Bidder, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of ITB 3; b) is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily; and c) Successful negotiations have been concluded, if any.
<p>38. Negotiations</p>	<p>38.1</p>	<p>Negotiations may be undertaken with the Most Advantageous Bid relating to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a minor alteration to the technical details of the statement of requirements; (b) reduction of quantities for budgetary reasons, where the reduction is in excess of any provided for in the Biding documents; (c) a minor amendment to the special conditions of Contract; (d) finalizing payment arrangements; (e) delivery arrangements; (f) the methodology for provision of related services; or (g) clarifying details that were not apparent or could not be finalized at the time of Bidding;
	<p>38.2</p>	<p>Where negotiation fails to result into an agreement, the Procuring Agency may invite the next ranked Bidder for negotiations. Where negotiations are commenced with the next ranked Bidder, the Procuring Agency shall not reopen earlier negotiations.</p>
<p>39. Procuring Agency's Right to</p>	<p>39.1</p>	<p>Notwithstanding ITB 37, the Procuring Agency reserves</p>

<i>reject All Bids</i>		the right to reject all the bids, and to annul the Bidding process at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders. However, the Authority (i.e. PPRA) may call from the Procuring Agency the justification of those grounds.
	39.2	Notice of the rejection of all Bids shall be given promptly to all Bidders that have submitted Bids.
	39.3	The Procuring Agency shall upon request communicate to any Bidder the grounds for its rejection of its Bids, but is not required to justify those grounds.
40. Procuring Agency's Right to Vary Quantities at the Time of Award	40.1	The Procuring Agency reserves the right at the time of contract award to increase or decrease the quantity of goods or related services originally specified in these Bidding Documents (schedule of requirements) provided this does not exceed by the percentage indicated in the BDS, without any change in unit price or other terms and conditions of the Bid and Bidding Documents.
41. Notification of Award	41.1	Prior to the award of contract, the Procuring Agency shall issue a Final Evaluation Report giving justification for acceptance or rejection of the bids.
	41.2	Where no complaints have been lodged, the Bidder whose Bid has been accepted will be notified of the award by the Procuring Agency prior to expiration of the Bid Validity period in writing or electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication. The Letter of Acceptance will state the sum that the Procuring Agency will pay the successful Bidder in consideration for the execution of the scope of works as prescribed by the Contract (hereinafter and in the Contract called the "Contract Price).
	41.3	The notification of award will constitute the formation of the Contract, subject to the Bidder furnishing the Performance guarantee in accordance with ITB 43 and signing of the contract in accordance with ITB 42.2 .
	41.4	Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security guarantee pursuant to ITB 43 , the

		Procuring Agency will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder, the name of the successful Bidder and the Contract amount and will discharge the Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration of the Bidders pursuant to ITB 18.7 .
42. Signing of Contract	42.1	Promptly after notification of award, Procuring Agency shall send the successful Bidder the draft agreement, incorporating all terms and conditions as agreed by the parties to the contract.
	42.2	Immediately after the Redressal of grievance by the GRC, and after fulfillment of all conditions precedent of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder and the Procuring Agency shall sign the contract.
	42.3	Where no formal signing of a contract is required, purchase order issued to the bidder shall be construed to be the contract.
43. Performance Security (or Guarantee)	43.1	After the receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful Bidder, within the specified time, shall deliver to the Procuring Agency a Performance Guarantee in the amount and in the form stipulated in the BDS and SCC , denominated in the type and proportions of currencies in the Letter of Acceptance and in accordance with the Conditions of Contract.
	43.2	If the Performance Security Guarantee is provided by the successful Bidder and it shall be in the form specified in the BDS which shall be in any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) certified cheque, cashier's or manager's cheque, or bank draft; (b) irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Scheduled bank or in the case of an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a foreign bank, the letter shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Scheduled bank; (c) bank guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank or, in the case of a successful foreign Bidder, bonded by a foreign bank; or

		<p>(d) surety bond callable upon demand issued by any reputable surety or insurance company.</p> <p>Any Performance Security (or guarantee) submitted shall be enforceable in Pakistan.</p>
	43.3	Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirement of ITB 43.1 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security, in which event the Procuring Agency may make the award to the next ranked Bidder or call for new Bids.
44. Advance Payment	44.1	The advance payment will not be provided in normal circumstances. However, in case where international incoterms are involved, the same will be dealt with standard international practices and in the manner as prescribed in ITB 44.2 .
	44.2	The Procuring Agency will provide an Advance Payment as stipulated in the Conditions of Contract, subject to a maximum amount, as stated in the BDS . The Advance Payment request shall be accompanied by an Advance Payment Guarantee in the form provided in Section X. For the purpose of receiving the Advance Payment, the Bidder shall make and estimate of, and include in its Bid, the expenses that will be incurred in order to commence Delivery of Goods. These expenses will relate to the purchase of equipment, machinery, materials, and on the engagement of labor during the first month beginning with the date of the Procuring Agency's "Notice to Commence" as specified in the SCC .
45. Arbitrator	45.1	The Arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties as per the provisions specified in the SCC .
46. Corrupt & Fraudulent Practices	46.1	Procuring Agencies (including beneficiaries of Government funded projects and procurement) as well as Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors under Government financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics

		during the procurement and execution of such contracts, and will avoid to engage in any corrupt and fraudulent practices.
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F. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL & COMPLAINT REVIEW MECHANISM

47. Constitution of Grievance Redressal	47.1	Procuring agency shall constitute a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) comprising of odd number of persons with proper power and authorization to address the complaint. The GRC shall not have any of the members of Procurement Evaluation Committee. The committee must have one subject specialist depending the nature of the procurement.
48. GRC Procedure	48.1	Any party can file its written complaint against the eligibility parameters or any other terms and conditions prescribed in the prequalification or bidding documents found contrary to provision of Procurement Regulatory Framework, and the same shall be addressed by the GRC well before the bid submission deadline.

	48.2	Any Bidder feeling aggrieved by any act of the procuring agency after the submission of his bid may lodge a written complaint concerning his grievances not later than seven days of the announcement of technical evaluation report and five days after issuance of final evaluation report.
	48.3	In case, the complaint is filed against the technical evaluation report, the GRC shall suspend the procurement proceedings.
	48.4	<p>In case, the complaint is filed after the issuance of the final evaluation report, the complainant cannot raise any objection on technical evaluation of the report:</p> <p>Provided that the complainant may raise the objection on any part of the final evaluation report in case where single stage one envelop bidding procedure is adopted.</p>
	48.5	The GRC, in both the cases shall investigate and decide upon the complaint within ten days of its receipt.
	48.6	Any bidder or the procuring agency not satisfied with the decision of the GRC may file Appeal before the Appellate Committee of the Authority on prescribed format after depositing the Prescribed fee.
	48.7	The Committee, upon receipt of the Appeal against the decision of the GRC complete in all respect shall serve notices in writing upon all the parties to appeal.

	48.8	The committee shall call the record from the concerned procuring agency or the GRC as the case may be, and the same shall be provided within prescribed time.
	48.9	The committee may after examination of the relevant record and hearing all the concerned parties, shall decide the complaint within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Appeal.
	48.10	The decision of the Committee shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Head and each Member of the Committee. The decision of the committee shall be final.

G. MECHANISM OF BLACKLISTING

49. Mechanism of Blacklisting	49.1	The Procuring Agency shall bar for not more than the time prescribed in Rule-19 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, from participating in their respective procurement proceedings, bidder or contractor who either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Involved in corrupt and fraudulent practices as defined in Rule-2 of Public Procurement Rules; ii. Fails to perform his contractual obligations; and iii. Fails to abide by the bid securing declaration;
	49.2	The show cause notice shall contain: (a) precise allegation, against the bidder or contractor; (b) the maximum period for which the Procuring Agency proposes to debar the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement of the Procuring Agency; and (c) the statement, if needed, about the intention of the Procuring Agency to make a request to the Authority for debarring the bidder or contractor from participating in public procurements of all the procuring agencies.
	49.3	The procuring agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for submission of written reply of the show cause notice

	49.4	In case, the bidder or contractor fails to submit written reply within the requisite time, the Procuring Agency may issue notice for personal hearing to the bidder or contractor/ authorize representative of the bidder or contractor and the procuring agency shall decide the matter on the basis of available record and personal hearing, if availed.
	49.5	In case the bidder or contractor submits written reply of the show cause notice, the Procuring Agency may decide to file the matter or direct issuance of a notice to the bidder or contractor for personal hearing.
	49.6	The Procuring Agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for appearance before the specified officer of the Procuring Agency for personal hearing. The specified officer shall decide the matter on the basis of the available record and personal hearing of the bidder or contractor, if availed
	49.7	The procuring Agency shall decide the matter within fifteen days from the date of personal hearing unless the personal hearing is adjourned to a next date and in such an eventuality, the period of personal hearing shall be reckoned from the last date of personal hearing.
	49.8	The Procuring Agency shall communicate to the bidder or contractor the order of debaring the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement with a statement that the bidder or contractor may, within thirty days, prefer a representation against the order before the Authority.
	49.9	Such blacklisting or barring action shall be communicated by the procuring agency to the Authority and respective bidder or bidders in the form of decision containing the grounds for such action. The same shall be publicized by the Authority after examining the record whether the procedure defined in blacklisting and debarment mechanism has been adhered to by the procuring agency.

	49.10	The bidder may file the review petition before the Review Petition Committee Authority within thirty days of communication of such blacklisting or barring action after depositing the prescribed fee and in accordance with "Procedure of filing and disposal of review petition under Rule-19(3) Regulations, 2021". The Committee shall evaluate the case and decide within ninety days of filing of review petition
	49.11	The committee shall serve a notice in writing upon all respondent of the review petition. The notices shall be accompanied by the copies of review petition and all attached documents of the review petition including the decision of the procuring agency. The parties may file written statements along with essential documents in support of their contentions. The Committee may pass such order on the representation may deem fit.
	49.12	The Authority on the basis of decision made by the committee either may debar a bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement process of all or some of the procuring agencies for such period as the deemed appropriate or acquit the bidder from the allegations. The decision of the Authority shall be final.

SECTION III: BID DATA SHEET

Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

The following specific data for the Information System to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITBs). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITBs.

BDS Clause Number	ITB Number	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the Instruction to Bidders
A. Introduction		
1.	1.1	<p>Name of Procuring Agency: Competition Commission of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Description (as specified in ITB) of the System is: Procurement of Next Generation Firewall (NGFW)</p> <p>The Firewall is to be supplied and installed in the CCP’s premises located at 3rd, 7th, 8th and 9th floors, (South Side) ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.</p> <p>Duration of Contract:</p> <p>(i) The Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training etc shall be completed as per Schedule of Requirement/Technical Specifications within 06 (six) months of the issuance of letter of commencement.</p> <p>(ii) 24/7 support services shall be provided for a period of 3 years, covering warranty and defect liability, as well as license-related obligations, commencing from the date of Operational Acceptance.</p> <p>The contract shall remain in effect for three (03) years and six (06) months, from the effective date.</p> <p>Period for delivery The Firewall (NGFW) shall be supplied, installed, commissioned along with other tasks, within 06 (six) months, from the date of issuance of letter of commencement, as per details stipulated in Schedule of Requirement/Technical Specifications. However, in exceptional circumstances, this period may be extended on receipt of Supplier’s written request, subject to providing cogent reasons and supporting evidence.</p>

		<p>Commencement date for delivery: The Supplier shall commence work for supply of Firewall soon after issuance of Letter of Commencement. The approved Firewall (NGFW) shall be supplied, installed, configured and commissioned along with related services as per Schedule of Requirement/Technical Specifications (given in the Section-VI) within 06 (six) months of the issuance of letter of commencement.</p>
2.	2.1 & 2.2	<p>Financial year for the operations of the Procuring Agency: 2024-25/26</p> <p>Name of Project: Procurement of Next Generation Firewall</p> <p>Name of financing institution: Competition Commission of Pakistan.</p> <p>Name and identification number of the Contract: Procurement of Next Generation Firewall</p>
3.	3.1	<p>Joint Venture “is “or “not” applicable: “NO”</p> <p>In Case yes, Maximum number of members in the joint venture, consortium or association shall be: Not-applicable.</p>
4.	4.6	<p>Demonstration of authorization by manufacturer: Yes, required.</p>

B. Bidding Documents

7.	7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i The bidder shall submit/upload bids electronically along with required documents (stipulated in the bidding documents as well as in Appendix-I and Appendix-II of Section -V), on EPADS as per PPRA’s instructions. ii Bidders are required to sign and stamp the bidding documents, issued by the procuring agency, and submit them on EPADS. iii Manual bids shall not be accepted. Hard/manual copies of documents are not required, as they will not be considered. iv Only the original bid security instrument must be submitted in hard form to the procuring agency’ office before the deadline of bid submission.
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	7.4	<p>It is added in Clause 7.4 of ITB that:</p> <p>The Procuring Agency disclaims any responsibility:</p> <p>(i) for the completeness of the Bidding Documents and their addenda (if any), if they were not obtained or downloaded by the bidders directly from EPADS, PPRA, or the Procuring Agency's website; and</p> <p>(ii) for any bidder's failure to submit bid and required documents on EPADS by the specified deadline, regardless of the reason for the failure.</p>
	7.5	<p>It is added in Clause 7.5 of ITB that:</p> <p>The bidding documents are available on EPADS, and can be accessed directly from EPADS, in accordance with PPRA's instructions on the subject. The bidding documents are also available on CCP and PPRA websites. The bidder is expected to carefully read and understand all instructions, forms, terms and conditions, schedule of requirements/technical specifications, conditions of contract, price schedule/form of financial bid, and other relevant details provided in the Bidding Documents. Failure to provide/submit all required information, documents, etc., as specified in the Bidding Documents will be at the Bidders' risk and may result in the rejection of their bid.</p>
8.	8.1	<p>It is added in Clause 8.1 that:</p> <p>The prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents may notify the Procuring Agency on EPADS, not later than 05 days prior to the deadline for submission of Bids.</p>
	8.2	<p>It is added in Clause 8.2 that:</p> <p>The Procuring Agency will within 3 (three) working days after receiving the request for clarification, respond in electronic form on EPADS to any request for clarification provided that such request is received not later than 05 (five) days prior to the deadline for the submission of Bids as prescribed in ITB 23.1.</p>
	8.3	<p>It is added in Clause 8.3 of ITB that:</p> <p>The procuring agency's response to the clarifications will be given on EPADS.</p>

	8.5	Clauses 8.5 and 8.6 of ITB are deleted, no pre-bid meeting will be held.
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C. Preparation of Bids

10.	10.1	The Language of all correspondences and documents related to the Bid is: English only
11.	11.1 (h)	<p>The following documents, in accordance with Appendix-I of Section-V, must be uploaded on EPADS with the Bid to meet the eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bidder must be Active Tax Payer on list of Active Tax Payers (attach proof) ii. Bidder must be registered with Sales Tax and Income Tax departments (attach proof) iii. Bid Security of Rs.75,000/- in the shape of Call deposit/Pay order/demand draft (as per instructions of bidding document). iv. Affidavit on stamp paper, declaring: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. that the firm is not on the list of blacklisted firms on PPRA website, and has not been blacklisted by any government, semi-government or autonomous organization; and b. that the firm is not under any stage of bankruptcy; c. details of bidder's litigation/ arbitration (if any). v. The authorized person to sign the bid/bidding documents, must be given power of attorney in this regard, and be attached with the Bids. vi. The Next Generation Firewall being offered for supply and installation to CCP must be duly evaluated/ certified/ approved by the (National Telecom & Information Technology Security Board) NTISB. <p>Provide all the necessary documents to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Appendix-I of Section-V. Bidders who fail to submit the required documents to meet the eligibility criteria will be declared ineligible and will not be allowed to participate in the further bidding process.</p>
12.	12.3 (c)	The technical specifications of the Firewall (NGFW) is given in the "Schedule of Requirement/Technical Specifications" (Section-VI of Bidding Documents). The

		<p>bids should meet the specifications and requirements of the goods and services stipulated in the Bidding Documents/Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications, otherwise bids shall be evaluated as disqualified.</p> <p>The bidders must provide documents on EPADS to meet the mandatory requirements as per <u>Appendix-II</u> of Section-V, to qualify in Technical Evaluation Criteria.</p>
13.	13.3 (b) & (d)	<p>It is added that the bidder must meet the eligibility criteria listed in <u>Appendix I</u> and the qualification criteria listed in <u>Appendix II</u> of Section-V. Failure to meet these criteria will lead to disqualification from the bidding process.</p>
	13.4	<p>In clause 13.4 it is further added that non-compliance with the bidding document or non-conformance with the Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications (Section-VI) will lead to rejection of bid. No further evaluation of such bids will be conducted.</p>
15.	15.3	<p>Clause 15.3 of ITB is amended as under: Financial Bid must be submitted as per format of Price Schedule/Form of Financial Bid.</p> <p>All the items, services, etc., stipulated in Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specification (Section-VI) are considered one lot. The Procurement will be awarded to the eligible, successful bidder who quotes the lowest overall lump- sum price of one lot (total of all items, including taxes, etc) and whose bid is evaluated as most advantageous/lowest bid.</p>
	15.6	<p>Clause 5.6 is amended as under:</p> <p>The Firewall and related items, will be supplied at Procuring Agency's office located in ISE Towers, Islamabad.</p> <p>Bidders are required to offer/quote <u>lump sum</u> rates, as per Format of Price Schedule/Form of Financial Bid in Pak Rupees only, (including all taxes/levies, custom duties (if any), transportation charges, overheads, profits, etc, and not to be mentioned separately.).</p>
	15.7	<p>Clause 15.7 (a) of ITB is amended as under: The total cost of any material/goods/software, taxes,</p>

		levies, custom duties, transportation charges, overheads, profits, etc., supplied and installed at Procuring Agency's office located in ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad, to be included in the bid prices as per format of Price Schedule/Form of Financial Bid. All the applicable taxes must be included while preparing the Financial Bid and are required to be built in the quoted rates and not to be mentioned separately.
	15.8	The price shall be fixed, as indicated in clause 15.8 of ITB.
	15.9	Clause 15.9 is amended as under: The bids are invited for the items as one lot included in the Schedule of Requirements/Technical specifications (Section-VI), under one contract.
16.	16.1 (a)	Clause 16.1(a) and (b) are deleted and substituted as under: The bidder is required to quote in Pakistan Rupees only for all the items and services specified in the Schedule of Requirement/Technical Specifications (Section-VI).
	16.2	Clause 16.2 is deleted. The currency of the Contract shall be Pakistani rupee.
17.	17.1	The Bid Validity period shall be: 60 days from the date of opening of bids.
18.	18.1	The amount of Bid Security shall be fixed at Rs.75,000/- (rupees seventy five thousand only). The bidder shall upload scanned copy of bid security instrument on EPADS along with duly filled, signed and stamped bid-security form. The original instrument shall be furnished to procuring agency before due date and time of bid submission. The currency of the Bid Security shall be: Pak Rupees. Bid Securing Declaration is not applicable.
	18.3	The Bid Security shall be in the form of: Call deposit/ Pay Order/demand draft, of the specified amount in favour of <u>Competition Commission of Pakistan</u> and valid for twenty eight (28) days beyond the end of the validity period of bid. This shall also apply if the period of Bid Validity is extended. The bid security of all bidders, except three top ranked bidders/lowest evaluated bidders, will be returned/ released after announcement of final evaluation report, or as per Clause 18.7 of ITB.

		<p>The bid security of three top ranked bidders/lowest evaluated bidders will be returned/released after entering into Contract with the most advantageous bidder.</p> <p>However, bid security of the most advantageous/successful bidder will be retained upto providing of Performance Security as per conditions of Contract.</p>
	18.4	<p>Clause 18.4 is amended and substituted as under: The Bid Security Form shall be signed and stamped by the bidder, as per Format provided in <u>Section-VII</u> (Standard Forms).</p>
19.	19.1	<p>Alternative Bids will not be allowed. The clauses 19.1, 19.2 and 19.3 of ITB are deleted.</p>
21.	21.1	<p>One set of electronic bid duly signed and stamped should be submitted on EPADS only, as per PPRA instructions.</p>
	21.2	<p>It is added in Clause 21.2 of ITB, that the Bidder shall submit on EPADS written confirmation of authorization, on their official letterhead, stating the name(s) and title(s) of personnel authorized to sign the bid on behalf of the Bidder.</p>

D. Submission of Bids

22.	22.1	<p>Bid must be submitted on EPADS, as per PPRA's instructions for Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, (least cost based selection method).</p>
	22.2(a)	<p>The Bids shall be uploaded by bidder on EPADS as per instructions of PPRA. The deadline for electronic Bid submission is: Date: February 07, 2025 Time: 03:00 p.m Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their Bids personally/physically/hard copy.</p>
	22.2 (b)	<p>Title of the subject Procurement or Project name: <i>Procurement of Next Generation Firewall</i> ITB title and No: <i>Procurement of Next Generation Firewall</i> <i>Bid No.CCP-ADMIN-111</i> Time and date for submission: <u>03:00 p.m on February 07, 2025</u></p>

	22.3 & 22.4	Clauses 22.3 and 22.4 of ITB are deleted and substituted as under: If the required documents as per bidding documents are not uploaded/submitted on EPADS by the due date and time, the Procuring Agency will assume no responsibility in this regard.
23.	23.1	The deadline for Bid submission on EPADS is: Date: February 07, 2025 Time: 03:00 p.m

E. Opening and Evaluation of Bids

26.	26.1	The Bid opening shall take place at 9 th Floor (South), CCP Office, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad, Date: February 07, 2025 Time: 03:30 p.m. In clauses 26.1 to 26.14 the following is added and amended where applicable: All e-bids must be submitted on EPADS as per PPRA's regulations. The e-bids received by the due date and time will be opened on EPADS.
32.	32.2	Clause 32.1 and 32.2 of the ITB are deleted and replaced with the following provision: The currency for bid submission and evaluation shall be Pakistani Rupees (PKR).
33.	33.2	The bidders who meet eligibility criteria as stipulated in Appendix-I of Section-V will be eligible to participate in the further process of procurement. The bids of the bidders who failed to meet the eligibility criteria will be declared ineligible to participate in further procurement process. Bidders who fail to meet the mandatory technical qualification requirements stipulated in Appendix-II of Section-V will be declared disqualified.
	33.3	Clause 33.3 of the ITB is deleted and substituted as under: The comparison shall be between the evaluated total Lumpsum bid price of the eligible and qualified bidders tendered for the procurement as per Price Schedule/Form of Financial Bid.
	33.4(h)	Bids will be evaluated based on the total Lumpsum bid

		price of the stipulated items in Price Schedules/ Form of Financial Bid. The bidder shall quote lump sum price of all items and services stipulated in the Schedule of Requirements/ Technical Specifications, as per format of Price Schedule/Form of Financial Bid provided in the bidding document.
	33.5 to 33.6	Clauses 33.5 to 33.6 of ITB are deleted.
34.	34.1	Clause 34.1 is amended and substituted as under: Domestic preference is not applicable.
35.	35.2	Evaluation Techniques Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS) After meeting the requirements of eligibility, technical qualification and substantial responsiveness, the bid in compliance with all the mandatory technical qualification criteria, schedule of requirement/technical specifications/ and/or requisite quality threshold, prices tendered in Price Schedules/Form of Financial Bid and having lowest evaluated cost (or financial bid) shall be considered highest ranked bid or most advantageous bid in accordance with relevant procurement rules. The ranking of the bids is calculated by the following formula: Ranking of the bid = (Lowest Evaluated Bid Price / Evaluated Bid Price) x 100. The lowest evaluated bid, subject to the evaluation of bids as per ITB 33, shall be provided 100 Marks/ Score and announced accordingly.
F. Award of Contract		
40.	40.1	Percentage for quantity increase or decrease is: Nil
43.	43.1	The Performance Guarantee shall be equivalent to 10% of the contract price in Pakistani rupees. The successful bidder shall furnish the performance guarantee to the Procuring Agency within the period specified in the Letter of Intent/ Acceptance.
	43.2	The Performance Guarantee shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank of Pakistan, in favour of Competition Commission of Pakistan, valid for a period of 03 years and 06 months, which will be

		released upon completion of Defect Liability/Warranty period after successful execution of the contract.
44.	44.1	The Advance payment request will be entertained as per Clause 44.2 of BDS and ITB.
	44.2	<p>The fifty percent (50%) of the Contract Price may be paid in advance upon receipt of request/invoice of advance payment accompanied by an Advance Payment Security/Guarantee in the form of irrevocable and unconditional Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Pakistan as per Format in Section X. The validity of the Bank Guarantee shall be ten (10) months from the date of submission to the Procuring Agency.</p> <p>The guarantor bank shall pay upon written demand of Procuring Agency declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract without cavil or argument, any sum or sums of Bank Guarantee without needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for demand of the sum specified therein.</p>
45.	45.1	Arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties.

G. Review of Procurement Decisions

48.	48.1	The address of the Procuring Agency Convener, Procurement Committee, Competition Commission of Pakistan 9 th Floor, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.
	48.6	The Address of PPRA to submit a copy of grievance: Grievance Redressal Appellate Committee, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority 1 st Floor, G-5/2, Islamabad, Pakistan Tel: +92-51-9202254
49.	49.1	<p>Following clause - 49 is added, related to the E-Pak Procurement Regulations, 2023 of PPRA.</p> <p>The bidders shall follow public procurement rules and regulations pertaining to the preparation, submission of bids, etc., in accordance with E-Pak Procurement Regulations, 2023 (https://ppra.org.pk/doc/epronotif1.pdf).</p>

Section IV. Eligible Countries

All the bidders are allowed to participate in the subject procurement without regard to nationality, except bidders of some nationality, prohibited in accordance with policy of the Federal Government.

Following countries are ineligible to participate in the procurement process:

1. India
2. Israel

Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan has notified List of Business Friendly Countries (BVL), information can be accessed through following link:

<http://www.dgip.gov.pk/Files/Visa%20Categories.aspx#L>

SECTION V:
ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Appendix-I

Eligibility Criteria Requirements and Checklist (Submit all documents on EPADS)

Sr. No.	Details of Eligibility Criteria (a)	documents required to assess eligibility (b)	Whether documents as per Col.b are attached Yes/No (c)	
			YES	No
1.	Bidder should be Active Tax Payer on list of Active Tax Payers	Provide proof of active taxpayer to confirm FBR ATL status		
2.	Bidder should be registered with Sales Tax and Income Tax departments	Provide latest copies of verification of NTN and STRN along with copies of registration certificates in the name of company/firm etc.,		
3.	Bid Security of Rs.75,000/- in the shape of Call deposit/Pay order/demand draft, (as per instructions of bidding document).	Upload copy of instrument on EPADS along with bid documents. And furnish original instrument to the procuring agency before opening of bids.		
4.	Affidavit on stamp paper, declaring: a. that the firm is not on the list of blacklisted firms on PPRA website, and has not been blacklisted by any government, semi government or autonomous organization; and b. that the firm is not under any stage of bankruptcy; c. Details of bidder's litigation/arbitration (if any).	Provide affidavit on non-judicial paper duly signed and stamped by the authorized representative.		
5.	The authorized person to sign the bid/bidding documents, should be given power of attorney in this regard, and be attached with the Bids.	Authority letter/Power of Attorney on letter head of the company/firm or on stamp paper, to sign bid/bidding documents.		
6.	The Next Generation Firewall being offered for supply and installation to CCP must be duly evaluated/certified/approved by the (National Telecom & Information Technology Security Board) NTISB.	Provide a copy of Certificate of Evaluation/approval, issued by NTISB.		

The bids of the bidders who fail to provide/or meet any of the above eligibility requirements will be rejected, and no further evaluation of the bids of such bidders will be performed thereof.

Upload all these documents on EPADS.

Appendix-II

TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA (MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION)

If bidders fail to meet or provide any of the below mentioned requirements/ documents, shall be declared non-responsive and will be disqualified from the bidding process, and their bids shall be rejected.

S#	Minimum Requirements	Documents required
1.	Bidders must have completed minimum 02 projects of similar nature and complexity of rupees 3 million and above, regarding supply, installation of Firewall during last 07 (seven) years with Government or Autonomous Bodies or Public Sector Organizations, including Banks. Provide information on the prescribed Format - A .	Attach proof (copy of work order/contract, including performance certificate)
2.	Bidders must have their presence through head-office/sub-office etc., in Rawalpindi/Islamabad, with technical operations/support team.	Attach proof / affidavit with address
3.	Bidders must have 24x7 technical support services.	Attach proof/affidavit
4.	Bidders must provide Manufacturers Authorization Letter (MAL) from the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) for supply of Firewall and related equipment.	Attach letter
5.	Bidders must submit documentary evidence demonstrating that their Firewall conforms to the technical specifications/schedule of requirements, in the form of written descriptions, booklets, literature, brochures, or similar documentation.	Attach documents
6.	Bidders must provide a comprehensive list of features that are included in the standard license, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- License validity of 03 years (included in the cost)- Specific features and functionalities that are enabled under the standard license- List of features not covered under standard license, and will require additional cost (estimated in PKR)- Warranty period of the Firewall and equipment- Details of the services and support covered under the warranty- Any limitations or restrictions on the use of the Firewall- Details on the upgrade and update policies	Attach documents

Upload all these documents on EPADS.

FORMAT-A

Details of Contracts of Similar Nature and Complexity

Name of Bidder: _____

Use a separate sheet for each completed contract/work order

1.	Name of contract :
2.	Name of Procuring Agency:
3.	Procuring Agency address:
4.	Nature of Project:
5.	Contract role (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Management Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Partner in a Joint Venture
6.	Amount of the total contract Equivalent amount PKR Total contract: _____; Subcontract: _____; Partner share: _____;
7.	Date of award: _____ Date of completion: _____

Attached copy of contract/work order, including performance certificate.

**SECTION VI: SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS/TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATION**

Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications

The technical specifications/requirements for supply, installation, commissioning etc., of Next Generation Firewall and other related services, trainings, warranties, license etc., are given below:

S#	Description of item/Qty	Technical Specification/Requirement		Timelines/ Project Plan
		Specification	Minimum Requirement	
1.	One (01) Next Generation Firewall (duly evaluated/ approved by NTISB*)	Firewall Throughput	Minimum 1 Gbps	The Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) must be supplied, installed, configured, commissioned and provide training to CCP's staff within six (06) months from the date of the letter of commencement of works/services.
		NGFW Throughput	Minimum 400 Mbps	
		Threat Protection Throughput	Minimum 200 Mbps	
		Concurrent Sessions	400,000	
		New Sessions/s	14,000	
		IPS Throughput	600 Mbps	
		AV Throughput	500 Mbps	
		IPsec VPN Throughput	0.50 Gbps	
		Firewall Policy Number	4000	
		SSL VPN Users Support	Min 100 Users	
		IPsec Tunnel Number	2,000	
		Management Ports	1x Console, 1x USB 2.0 Port	
		Fixed I/O Ports	1xSFP, 5xGE	
		Power Supply	AC 100-240 V 50/60 Hz	
		IPS	Required	
		AV	Required	
		URL Filtering	Required	
		QOS	Required	
		IPR	Required	
		C2	Required	
		SandBox	Required	
		SSL VPN	100 Users	
		SSD supported	Required	
Solution support Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) BFD interaction with static route/OSPF/BGP.	Required			
Solution must support Full Cone NAT, STUN	Required			
solution support server health check, session monitoring and session protection	Required			
2	LICENSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The license of Firewall must be valid for 3 years from the date of 	3 years License with OEM support of	

		operational acceptance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Firewall and related hardware must be licensed/registered by manufacturer in the name of Competition Commission of Pakistan. 	Firewall, Anti-Malware, Application Control, IPS, DoS Prevention, URL Filtering, QoS.	
3	Trainings	Firewall Training: 04 days Training of the procured Next Generation Firewall for at-least 03 officials of CCP, at CCP's premises ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.		04 days training for the supplied Firewall shall be provided by the Supplier at CCP's office after commissioning.
4	Firewall Operational Testing	Firewall Testing by Client : Operational Acceptance Testing for Firewall		Testing period will be <u>ONE MONTH</u> after commissioning.
5	Support Services and Warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 Years local Warranty of firewall and related hardware from the date of issuance of operational acceptance letter. Free 24/7 support services for 03 years (during warranty period) including threat Protection Service (containing IPS,URL,AV) 		

**National Telecom & Information Technology Security Board (NTISE)*

SECTION VII: STANDARD FORMS

Form 1 Letter of Bid

Date of this Bid submission: _____

RFB No.: _____

Request for Bid No.: _____

To:

Convener, Procurement Committee,
Competition Commission of Pakistan,
9th Floor, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.

We, the undersigned Bidder, hereby submit our Bid, in two parts, namely:

- (a) the Technical Bid, and
- (b) the Financial Bid.

In submitting our Bid we make the following declarations:

- (a) **No reservations:** We have examined and have no reservations to the bidding document, including addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB 9);
- (b) **Eligibility:** We meet the eligibility requirements and have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITB 3;
- (c) **Bid/Proposal-Securing Declaration:** We have not been suspended nor declared ineligible by the Procuring Agency based on execution of a Bid Securing Declaration or Proposal Securing Declaration in the Procuring Agency's country in accordance with ITB 4;
- (d) **Conformity:** We offer to supply in conformity with the bidding document and in accordance with the Delivery Schedules specified in the Schedule of Requirements the following Goods: Procurement of Next Generation Firewall
- (e) **Total Price:** The total price of our Bid is : Rs. _____

[insert the total price of the bid in words and figures, in Pak Rupees];

- (f) **Bid Validity Period:** Our Bid shall be valid for the period specified in **BDS 17.1** (as amended, if applicable) from the date fixed for the Bid submission deadline specified in **BDS 23.1** (as amended, if applicable), and it shall remain binding upon us, and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (g) **Performance Security:** If our Bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with the bidding document;

- (h) **One Bid per Bidder:** We are not submitting any other Bid(s) as an individual Bidder, and we are not participating in any other bid(s) as a Joint Venture member or as a subcontractor, and meet the requirements, other than Alternative Bids submitted in accordance with **ITB 19**;
- (i) **Suspension and Debarment:** We, along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the Procuring Agency. Further, we are not ineligible under Pakistan laws;
- (j) **Binding Contract:** We understand that this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your Letter of Acceptance, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed;
- (k) **Not Bound to Accept:** We understand that you are not bound to accept the Most Advantageous Bid or any other Bid that you may receive; and
- (l) **Fraud and Corruption:** We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that no person acting for us, or on our behalf, engages in any type of Fraud and Corruption.

Name of the Bidder: _____

Name of the person duly authorized to sign the Bid on behalf of the Bidder: *

Title of the person signing the Bid: _____

Signature of the person named above: _____

[insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown above]

Date signed _____

[insert date of signing] **day of** *[insert month]*, *[insert year]*

*: Person signing the Bid shall have the power of attorney given by the Bidder. The power of attorney shall be attached with the Bid Schedules.

Bidder Information Form

[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated below. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.]

1. Bidder's Name <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i> :
2. Bidder's country of registration:
4. Bidder's year of registration:
5. Bidder's Address in country of registration:
6. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone numbers: Mobile number: Email Address:
Attach copies of Articles of Incorporation (or equivalent documents of constitution or association), and/or documents of registration of the legal entity named above.

Bid Security Form

To: _____

[*name of the Procuring Agency*]

Whereas _____ [*name of the Bidder*] (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted its Bid dated _____ [*date of submission of Bid*] for the delivery of

[*name and/or description of the goods*] (hereinafter called "the Bid"). As per requirement of bidding document we hereby submit security of Rs.75,000/- (rupees seventy five thousand only) in the form of Call Deposit/Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Competition Commission of Pakistan.

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

1. If the Bids

- ((a) have withdrawn or modified our Bid during the period of Bid Validity specified in the Form of Bid;
- (b) Disagreement to arithmetical correction made to the Bid price; or
- (c) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Procuring Agency during the period of Bid Validity, (i) failure to sign the contract if required by Procuring Agency to do so or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security or to comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the Bidding Documents.

2. We hereby grant the Procuring Agency authorization to encash the bid security instrument, without necessity of substantiating its demand, upon the occurrence of either or both of the specified conditions.

This bid security shall remain in force up to and including twenty-eight (28) days after the period of Bid Validity.

Name:..... in the capacity of signed

Dated on day of 20

Price Schedule Form

[The Bidder shall fill in these Price Schedule Forms in accordance with the instructions indicated. In information systems procurement, the Contract Price (and payment schedule) should be linked as much as possible to achievement of operational capabilities, not just to the physical delivery of technology.]

Preamble:

2. The Schedules do not generally give a full description of the information technologies to be supplied, installed, and operationally accepted, or the Services to be performed under each item. However, it is assumed that Bidders shall have read the Schedule of Requirement/Technical Requirements and other sections of these Bidding Documents to ascertain the full scope of the requirements associated with each item prior to filling in the rates and prices. The quoted rates and prices shall be deemed to cover the full scope of these Technical Requirements, as well as overhead and profit.
3. If Bidders are unclear or uncertain as to the scope of any item, they shall seek clarification in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents prior to submitting their bid.

Pricing

4. Prices shall be filled in indelible ink, and any alterations necessary due to errors, etc., shall be initialed by the Bidder. As specified in the Bid Data Sheet, prices shall be fixed and firm for the duration of the Contract.
5. Bid prices shall be quoted in the manner indicated and in the currencies specified in ITB Clauses 15. Prices must correspond to items of the scope and quality defined in the Technical Requirements or elsewhere in these Bidding Documents.
6. The Bidder must exercise great care in preparing its calculations, since there is no opportunity to correct errors once the deadline for submission of bids has passed. A single error in specifying a unit price can therefore change a Bidder's overall total bid price substantially, make the bid noncompetitive, or subject the Bidder to possible loss. The Procuring Agency will correct any arithmetic error.
7. Payments will be made to the Supplier in Pak Rupees as indicated under each respective item.

FINANCIAL BID FORMAT

PRICE SCHEDULE/FORM OF FINANCIAL BID

Item #	Description of items/services	Total lump sum Bid Amount (Incl. of all applicable Taxes) (Pak Rupees) in figures
1.	Total lump sum bid (incl. of all applicable taxes) for Supply, installation, configuration, commissioning of ONE (01) Next Generation Firewall in accordance with Schedule of Requirements including equipment, services, licenses, & warranties, training to procuring agency's staff, with support services etc., as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.	
Amount in Words: _____ _____		

The above total lump sum bid is inclusive of all applicable taxes, custom duties, transportation, related costs, profits, etc. for Supply and installation of Next General Firewall (duly Evaluated/approved by NTISB) and other related services as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

Signature of Bidder:

Official Stamp.

Letter of Intent/Acceptance

[Letter head paper of the Procuring Agency]

[date]

To: *[name and address of the Supplier]*

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 numbers and words]* *[name of currency]*, as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders is hereby accepted by us.

We hereby confirm *[insert the name of the Appointing Authority]*, to be the Appointing Authority, to appoint the Arbitrator in case of any arisen disputes.

You are hereby informed that after you have read and return the attached draft Contract the parties to the contract shall sign the vetted contract within seven (07) calendar days.

You are hereby required to furnish the Performance /Security in the form and the amount stipulated in the Special Conditions of the Contract within a period of seven (07) days after the receipt of Letter of Intent/Acceptance.

Authorized Signature:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Agency:

Attachment: Contract

Copy: Appointing Authority and Supplier

SECTION VIII: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT (GCC)

1.	Definitions	1.1	The following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:
			a) “Authority” means Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.
			b) The “Arbitrator” is the person appointed with mutual consent of both the parties, to resolve contractual disputes as provided for in the General Conditions of the Contract GCC Clause 45 hereunder.
			c) The “Contract” means the agreement entered into between the Procuring Agency and the Supplier, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
			d) The “Commencement Date” is the date when the Supplier shall commence execution of the contract as specified in the SCC .
			e) “Completion” means the fulfillment of the related services by the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the contract.
			f) “Country of Origin” means the countries and territories eligible under the PPRA Rules 2004 and its corresponding Regulations as further elaborated in the SCC .
			g) The “Contract Price” is the price stated in the Letter of Acceptance and thereafter as adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.
			h) “Effective Contract date” is the date shown in the Certificate of Contract Commencement issued by the Procuring Agency upon fulfillment of the conditions precedent stipulated in GCC Clause 5 .
			i) “Procuring Agency” means the person named as Procuring Agency in the SCC and the legal successors in title to this person, procuring the Goods and related

			service, as named in SCC .
		j)	“Related Services” means those services ancillary to the delivery of the Goods, such as transportation and insurance, and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, initial maintenance and other such obligations of the Supplier covered under the Contract.
		k)	“GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract contained in this section.
		l)	“Intended Delivery Date” is the date on which it is intended that the Supplier shall effect delivery as specified in the SCC .
		m)	“Information System,” also called “the System,” means all the Information Technologies, Materials, and other Goods to be supplied, installed, integrated, and made operational (exclusive of the Supplier’s Equipment), together with the Services to be carried out by the Supplier under the Contract
		n)	“SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
		o)	“Supplier” means the individual private or government entity or a combination of the above whose Bid to perform the contract has been accepted by the Procuring Agency and is named as such in the Contract Agreement, and includes the legal successors or permitted assigns of the supplier and shall be named in the SCC .
		p)	“Project Name” means the name of the project stated in SCC .
		q)	“Day” means calendar day.
		r)	“Eligible Country” means the countries and territories eligible for participation in accordance with the policies of the Federal Government.
		s)	“End User” means the organization(s) where the goods will be used, as named in the SCC .
		t)	“Origin” means the place where the Goods were

			<p>mined, grown, or produced or from which the Services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new produce results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.</p>
		u)	<p>“Force Majeure” means an unforeseeable event which is beyond reasonable control of either 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.</p> <p>For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of a Party, and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances. and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood, epidemics, or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.</p>
		v)	<p>“Specification” means the Specification of the Goods and performance of incidental services in accordance with the relevant standards included in the Contract and any modification or addition made or approved by the Procuring Agency.</p>
		w)	<p>The Supplier's Bid is the completed Bid document submitted by the Supplier to the Procuring Agency.</p>

2.	Application and interpretation	2.1	These General Conditions shall apply to the extent that they are not superseded by provisions of other parts of the Contract.
		2.2	In interpreting these Conditions of Contract headings and marginal notes are used for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretations unless specifically stated; references to singular include the plural and vice versa; and masculine include the feminine. Words have their ordinary meaning under the language of the Contract unless specifically defined.
		2.3	<p>The documents forming the Contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Form of Contract, (2) Special Conditions of Contract, (3) General Conditions of Contract, (4) Letter of Acceptance, (5) Certificate of Contract Commencement (6) Specifications (7) Contractor's Bid, and (8) Any other document listed in the Special Conditions of Contract as forming part of the Contract.
3.	Conditions Precedent	3.1	<p>Having signed the Contract, it shall come into effect on the date on which the following conditions have been satisfied: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Submission of performance Security (or guarantee) in the form specified in the SCC; b) Furnishing of Advance Payment Unconditional Guarantee.
		3.2	If the Condition precedent stipulated on GCC Clause 3.1 is not met by the date specified in the SCC this contract shall not come into effect;

		3.3	If the Procuring Agency is satisfied that each of the conditions precedent in this contract has been satisfied (except to the extent waived by him, but subject to such conditions as he shall impose in respect of such waiver) he shall promptly issue to the supplier a certificate of Contract commencement, which shall confirm the start date.
4.	Governing Language	4.1	The Contract as all correspondence and documents relating to the contract exchanged by the Supplier and the Procuring Agency shall be written in the language specified in SCC. Subject to GCC Clause 3.1 , the version of the Contract written in the specified language shall govern its interpretation.
5.	Applicable Law and Effectiveness of the contract	5.1	The contract shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Pakistan, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
		5.2	The Contract shall be effective from the date specified in the SCC,
6.	Country of Origin	6.1	The origin of goods and services making information systems may be distinct from the nationality of the Supplier.
7.	Scope of the Information System	7.1	Unless otherwise expressly limited in the SCC or Technical Requirements, the Supplier's obligations cover the provision of all Information Technologies, Materials and other Goods as well as the performance of all Services required for the design, development, and implementation (including procurement, quality assurance, assembly, associated site preparation, Delivery, Pre-commissioning, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning) of the System, in accordance with the plans, procedures, specifications, drawings, codes, and any other documents specified in the Contract and the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan

		7.2	The Supplier shall, unless specifically excluded in the Contract, perform all such work and / or supply all such items and Materials not specifically mentioned in the Contract but that can be reasonably inferred from the Contract as being required for attaining Operational Acceptance of the System as if such work and / or items and Materials were expressly mentioned in the Contract.
		7.3	The Supplier's obligations (if any) to provide Goods and Services as implied by the Recurrent Cost tables of the Supplier's bid, such as consumables, spare parts, and technical services (e.g., maintenance, technical assistance, and operational support), are as specified in the SCC, including the relevant terms, characteristics, and timings
8.	Supplier's Responsibilities	8.1	The Supplier shall conduct all activities with due care and diligence, in accordance with the Contract and with the skill and care expected of a competent provider of information technologies, information systems, support, maintenance, training, and other related services, or in accordance with best industry practices. In particular, the Supplier shall provide and employ only technical personnel who are skilled and experienced in their respective callings and supervisory staff who are competent to adequately supervise the work at hand.
		8.2	The Supplier confirms that it has entered into this Contract on the basis of a proper examination of the data relating to the System provided by the Procuring agency and on the basis of information that the Supplier could have obtained from a visual inspection of the site (if access to the site was available) and of other data readily available to the Supplier relating to the System as at the date Seven (07) days prior to bid submission. The Supplier acknowledges that any failure to acquaint itself with all such data and information shall not relieve its responsibility for properly estimating the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the Contract

		8.3	<p>The Supplier shall be responsible for timely provision of all resources, information, and decision making under its control that are necessary to reach a mutually Agreed and Finalized Project Plan within the time schedule specified in the Implementation Schedule in the Technical Requirements Section. Failure to provide such resources, information, and decision making may constitute grounds for termination.</p>
		8.4	<p>The Supplier shall acquire in its name all permits, approvals, and/or licenses from all local, state, or national government authorities or public service undertakings in the Procuring agency's Country that are necessary for the performance of the Contract, including, without limitation, visas for the Supplier's and Subcontractor's personnel and entry permits for all imported Supplier's Equipment. The Supplier shall acquire all other permits, approvals, and/or licenses that are not the responsibility of the Procuring agency and that are necessary for the performance of the Contract.</p>
		8.5	<p>The Supplier shall comply with all laws in force in the Procuring agency's Country. The laws will include all national, provincial, municipal, or other laws that affect the performance of the Contract and are binding upon the Supplier. The Supplier shall indemnify and hold harmless the Procuring agency from and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, fines, penalties, and expenses of whatever nature arising or resulting from the violation of such laws by the Supplier or its personnel, including the Subcontractors and their personnel, but without prejudice to GCC Clause 9.1. The Supplier shall not indemnify the Procuring agency to the extent that such liability, damage, claims, fines, penalties, and expenses were caused or contributed to by a fault of the Procuring agency.</p>

		8.6	The Supplier shall, in all dealings with its labor and the labor of its Subcontractors currently employed on or connected with the Contract, pay due regard to all recognized festivals, official holidays, religious or other customs, and all local laws and regulations pertaining to the employment of labor.
		8.7	Any Information Technologies or other Goods and Services that will be incorporated in or be required for the System and other supplies shall have their Origin in a country that shall be an Eligible Country.
		8.8	The Supplier shall permit the Procuring Agency and/or persons appointed by the Procuring Agency to inspect the Supplier's offices and/or the accounts and records of the Supplier and its sub-contractors relating to the performance of the Contract, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors.
		8.9	Other Supplier responsibilities, if any, are as stated in the SCC.
9.	Procuring Agency's Responsibility	9.1	The Procuring Agency shall ensure the accuracy of all information and/or data to be supplied by the Procuring agency to the Supplier, except when otherwise expressly stated in the Contract.
		9.2	The Procuring agency shall be responsible for timely provision of all resources, information, and decision making under its control that are necessary to reach an Agreed and Finalized Project Plan (pursuant to GCC Clause 17) within the time schedule specified in the Implementation Schedule in the Technical Requirements Section. Failure to provide such resources, information, and decision making may constitute grounds for Termination pursuant to GCC Clause 41.

	9.3	The Procuring agency shall be responsible for acquiring and providing legal and physical possession of the site and access to it, and for providing possession of and access to all other areas reasonably required for the proper execution of the Contract.
	9.4	If requested by the Supplier, the Procuring agency shall use its best endeavors to assist the Supplier in obtaining in a timely and expeditious manner all permits, approvals, and/or licenses necessary for the execution of the Contract from all local, state, or national government authorities or public service undertakings that such authorities or undertakings require the Supplier or Subcontractors or the personnel of the Supplier or Subcontractors, as the case may be, to obtain.
	9.5	In such cases where the responsibilities of specifying and acquiring or upgrading telecommunications and/or electric power services falls to the Supplier, as specified in the Technical Requirements, SCC, Agreed and Finalized Project Plan, or other parts of the Contract, the Procuring agency shall use its best endeavors to assist the Supplier in obtaining such services in a timely and expeditious manner.
	9.6	The Procuring agency shall be responsible for timely provision of all resources, access, and information necessary for the Installation and Operational Acceptance of the System (including, but not limited to, any required telecommunications or electric power services), as identified in the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan, except where provision of such items is explicitly identified in the Contract as being the responsibility of the Supplier. Delay by the Procuring agency may result in an appropriate extension of the Time for Operational Acceptance, at the Supplier's discretion

		9.7	Unless otherwise specified in the Contract or agreed upon by the Procuring agency and the Supplier, the Procuring agency shall provide sufficient, properly qualified operating and technical personnel, as required by the Supplier to properly carry out Delivery, Pre-commissioning, Installation, Commissioning, and Operational Acceptance, at or before the time specified in the Technical Requirements Section's Implementation Schedule and the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan.
		9.8	The Procuring agency will designate appropriate staff for the training courses to be given by the Supplier and shall make all appropriate logistical arrangements for such training as specified in the Technical Requirements, SCC, the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan, or other parts of the Contract.
		9.9	The Procuring agency assumes primary responsibility for the Operational Acceptance Test(s) for the System, in accordance with GCC Clause 26, and shall be responsible for the continued operation of the System after Operational Acceptance. However, this shall not limit in any way the Supplier's responsibilities after the date of Operational Acceptance otherwise specified in the Contract.
		9.10	The Procuring agency is responsible for performing and safely storing timely and regular backups of its data and Software in accordance with accepted data management principles, except where such responsibility is clearly assigned to the Supplier elsewhere in the Contract.
		9.11	Other Procuring agency responsibilities, if any, are as stated in the SCC.
10. Prices		10.1	The contract price shall be as specified in the Contract Agreement Subject to any additions and adjustments thereto or deductions there from, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.

		10.2	Prices charged by the Supplier for Information System under the Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its Bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the Procuring Agency's request for Bid Validity extension, as the case may be.
11.	Payment	11.1	The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be specified in SCC .
		11.2	The Supplier's request(s) for payment shall be made to the Procuring Agency in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication, accompanied by an invoice describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and Services performed, and by documents submitted, and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the Contract.
		11.3	Payments shall be made promptly by the Procuring Agency, within sixty (60) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the Supplier. If the Procuring Agency makes a late payment, the Supplier shall be paid interest on the late payment. Interest shall be calculated from the date by which the payment should have been made up to the date when the late payment is made at the rate as specified in the SCC .
		11.4	The currency or currencies in which payment is made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be specified in SCC subject to the following general principle: payment will be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment has been requested in the Supplier's Bid.
		11.5	All payments shall be made in the currency or currencies specified in the SCC pursuant to GCC Clause 11.4
12.	Performance Guarantee	12.1	The proceeds of the Performance Security (or Guarantee) shall be payable to the Procuring Agency as compensation for any loss resulting from the Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract.
		12.2	The Performance Guarantee shall be in one of the following forms:
		a)	A bank guarantee, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank, or in the form provided

			in the Bidding Documents or another form acceptable to the Procuring Agency; or
			b) A cashier's or certified check.
		12.3	The performance guarantee will be discharged by the Procuring Agency and returned to the Supplier not later than twenty eight (28) days following the date of completion of the Supplier's performance obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
13.	Taxes and Duties	13.1	A foreign Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside Pakistan.
		13.2	If any tax exemptions, reductions, allowances or privileges may be available to the Supplier in Pakistan the Procuring Agency shall use its best efforts to enable the Supplier to benefit from any such tax savings to the maximum allowable extent.
		13.3	A local Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until the supply of the information system to the Procuring Agency.
14.	Copy Rights	14.1	The Intellectual Property Rights in all Standard Software and Standard Materials shall remain vested in the owner of such rights.
		14.2	The Procuring agency agrees to restrict use, copying, or duplication of the Standard Software and Standard Materials in accordance with GCC Clause 16, except those additional copies of Standard Materials may be made by the Procuring agency for use within the scope of the project of which the System is a part, in the event that the Supplier does not deliver copies within thirty (30) days from receipt of a request for such Standard Materials
		14.3	The Procuring agency's contractual rights to use the Standard Software or elements of the Standard Software may not be assigned, licensed, or otherwise transferred voluntarily except in accordance with the relevant license agreement or as may be otherwise specified in the SCC

		14.5	As applicable, the Procuring agency's and Supplier's rights and obligations with respect to Custom Software or elements of the Custom Software, including any license agreements, and with respect to Custom Materials or elements of the Custom Materials, are specified in the SCC. Subject to the SCC, the Intellectual Property Rights in all Custom Software and Custom Materials specified in the Contract Agreement (if any) shall, at the date of this Contract or on creation of the rights (if later than the date of this Contract), vest in the Procuring agency. The Supplier shall do and execute or arrange for the doing and executing of each necessary act, document, and thing that the Procuring agency may consider necessary or desirable to perfect the right, title, and interest of the Procuring agency in and to those rights. In respect of such Custom Software and Custom Materials, the Supplier shall ensure that the holder of a moral right in such an item does not assert it, and the Supplier shall, if requested to do so by the Procuring agency, and where permitted by applicable law, ensure that the holder of such a moral right waives it.
		14.6	The parties shall enter into such (if any) escrow arrangements in relation to the Source Code to some or all of the Software as are specified in the SCC and in accordance with the SCC
15.	Software License Agreements	15.1	Except to the extent that the Intellectual Property Rights in the Software vest in the Procuring agency, the Supplier hereby grants to the Procuring agency license to access and use the Software, including all inventions, designs, and marks embodied in the Software. Such license to access and use the Software shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) nonexclusive;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) fully paid up and irrevocable (except that it shall terminate if the Contract terminates under GCC Clauses 41; (iii) valid throughout the territory of the Procuring agency's Country (or such other territory as specified in the SCC); and (iv) subject to additional restrictions (if any) as specified in the SCC.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) permit the Software to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) used or copied for use on or with the computer(s) for which it was acquired (if specified in the Technical Requirements and/or the Supplier's bid), plus a backup computer(s) of the same or similar capacity, if the primary is(are) inoperative, and during a reasonable transitional period when use is being transferred between primary and backup; (ii) as specified in the SCC, used or copied for use on or transferred to a replacement computer(s), (and use on the original and replacement computer(s) may be simultaneous during a reasonable transitional period) provided that, if the Technical Requirements and/or the Supplier's bid specifies a class of computer to which the license is restricted and unless the Supplier agrees otherwise in writing, the replacement computer(s) is(are) within that class; (iii) if the nature of the System is such as to permit such access, accessed from other computers connected to the primary and/or backup computer(s) by means of a local or wide-area network or similar arrangement, and used on or copied for use on those other computers to the extent necessary to that access;

			<p>(iv) reproduced for safekeeping or backup purposes;</p> <p>(v) customized, adapted, or combined with other computer software for use by the Procuring agency, provided that derivative software incorporating any substantial part of the delivered, restricted Software shall be subject to same restrictions as are set forth in this Contract;</p> <p>(vi) as specified in the SCC, disclosed to, and reproduced for use by, support service suppliers and their subcontractors, (and the Procuring agency may sublicense such persons to use and copy for use the Software) to the extent reasonably necessary to the performance of their support service contracts, subject to the same restrictions as are set forth in this Contract; and</p>
			<p>(vii) disclosed to, and reproduced for use by, the Procuring agency and by such other persons as are specified in the SCC (and the Procuring agency may sublicense such persons to use and copy for use the Software), subject to the same restrictions as are set forth in this Contract.</p>
		15.2	<p>The Standard Software may be subject to audit by the Supplier, in accordance with the terms specified in the SCC, to verify compliance with the above license agreements.</p>
16.	Confidential Information	16.1	<p>Except if otherwise specified in the SCC, the "Receiving Party" (either the Procuring agency or the Supplier) shall keep confidential and shall not, without the written consent of the other party to this Contract ("the Disclosing Party"), divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information of a confidential nature ("Confidential Information") connected with this Contract, and furnished directly or indirectly by the Disclosing Party prior to or during performance, or following termination, of this Contract.</p>

		16.2	<p>For the purposes of GCC Clause 16.1, the Supplier is also deemed to be the Receiving Party of Confidential Information generated by the Supplier itself in the course of the performance of its obligations under the Contract and relating to the businesses, finances, suppliers, employees, or other contacts of the Procuring agency or the Procuring agency's use of the System.</p>
		16.3	<p>Notwithstanding GCC Clauses 16.1 and 16.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Supplier may furnish to its Subcontractor Confidential Information of the Procuring agency to the extent reasonably required for the Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract; and (b) the Procuring agency may furnish Confidential Information of the Supplier: (i) to its support service suppliers and their subcontractors to the extent reasonably required for them to perform their work under their support service contracts; and (ii) to its affiliates and subsidiaries, <p>in which event the Receiving Party shall ensure that the person to whom it furnishes Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party is aware of and abides by the Receiving Party's obligations under this GCC Clause 16 as if that person were party to the Contract in place of the Receiving Party.</p>
		16.4	<p>The Procuring agency shall not, without the Supplier's prior written consent, use any Confidential Information received from the Supplier for any purpose other than the operation, maintenance and further development of the System. Similarly, the Supplier shall not, without the Procuring agency's prior written consent, use any Confidential Information received from the Procuring agency for any purpose other than those that are required for the performance of the Contract.</p>

		16.5	<p>The obligation of a party under GCC Clauses 16.1 through 16.4 above, however, shall not apply to that information which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) now or hereafter enters the public domain through no fault of the Receiving Party; (b) can be proven to have been possessed by the Receiving Party at the time of disclosure and that was not previously obtained, directly or indirectly, from the Disclosing Party; (c) otherwise lawfully becomes available to the Receiving Party from a third party that has no obligation of confidentiality.
		16.6	<p>The above provisions of this GCC Clause 16 shall not in any way modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of the parties to this Contract prior to the date of the Contract in respect of the System or any part thereof.</p>
		16.7	<p>The provisions of this GCC Clause 16 shall survive the termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract for three (3) years or such longer period as may be specified in the SCC.</p>
17.	Project Plan	17.1	<p>In close cooperation with the Procuring agency and based on the Preliminary Project Plan included in the Supplier's bid, the Supplier shall develop a Project Plan encompassing the activities specified in the Contract. The contents of the Project Plan shall be as specified in the SCC and/or Technical Requirements.</p>
		17.2	<p>The Supplier shall formally present to the Procuring agency the Project Plan in accordance with the procedure specified in the SCC</p>

		17.3	If required, the impact on the Implementation Schedule of modifications agreed during finalization of the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan shall be incorporated in the Contract by amendment, in accordance with GCC Clauses 35.
		17.4	The Supplier shall undertake to supply, install, test, and commission the System in accordance with the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan and the Contract.
		17.5	The Progress and other reports specified in the SCC shall be prepared by the Supplier and submitted to the Procuring agency in the format and frequency specified in the Technical Requirements.
18.	Sub-contracting	18.1	List of Approved Subcontractors to the Contract Agreement specifies critical items of supply or services and a list of Subcontractors for each item that are considered acceptable by the Procuring agency. If no Subcontractors are listed for an item, the Supplier shall prepare a list of Subcontractors it considers qualified and wishes to be added to the list for such items. The Supplier may from time to time propose additions to or deletions from any such list. The Supplier shall submit any such list or any modification to the list to the Procuring agency for its approval in sufficient time so as not to impede the progress of work on the System. The Procuring agency shall not withhold such approval unreasonably. Such approval by the Procuring agency of a Subcontractor(s) shall not relieve the Supplier from any of its obligations, duties, or responsibilities under the Contract.

		18.2	The Supplier may, at its discretion, select and employ Subcontractors for such critical items from those Subcontractors listed pursuant to GCC Clause 18.1. If the Supplier wishes to employ a Subcontractor not so listed, or subcontract an item not so listed, it must seek the Procuring agency's prior approval under GCC Clause 18.3.
		18.3	For items for which pre-approved Subcontractor lists have not been specified in Appendix to the Contract Agreement, the Supplier may employ such Subcontractors as it may select, provided: (i) the Supplier notifies the Procuring agency in writing at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the proposed mobilization date for such Subcontractor; and (ii) by the end of this period either the Procuring agency has granted its approval in writing or fails to respond. The Supplier shall not engage any Subcontractor to which the Procuring agency has objected in writing prior to the end of the notice period. The absence of a written objection by the Procuring agency during the above specified period shall constitute formal acceptance of the proposed Subcontractor. Except to the extent that it permits the deemed approval of the Procuring agency of Subcontractors not listed in the Contract Agreement, nothing in this Clause, however, shall limit the rights and obligations of either the Procuring agency or Supplier as they are specified in GCC Clauses 18.1 and 18.2, in the SCC, or in Appendix of the Contract Agreement.
19.	Procurement and Delivery	19.1	Subject to related Procuring agency's responsibilities pursuant to GCC Clause 9, the Supplier shall manufacture or procure and transport all the Information Technologies, Materials, and other Goods in an expeditious and orderly manner to the Project Site.

		19.2	Delivery of the Information Technologies, Materials, and other Goods shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the Technical Requirements
		19.3	Early or partial deliveries require the explicit written consent of the Procuring agency, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
20.	Transportation	20.1	The Supplier shall provide such packing of the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during shipment. The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with the Procuring agency's instructions to the Supplier.
		20.2	The Supplier will bear responsibility for and cost of transport to the Project Sites in accordance with the terms and conditions used in the specification of prices in the Price Schedules, including the terms and conditions of the associated Incoterms.
		20.3	Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Supplier shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible country and to obtain insurance from any eligible source country.

21.	Documents	21.1	<p>Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Supplier will provide the Procuring agency with shipping and other documents, as specified below;</p> <p>(i) For Goods supplied from outside the Procuring agency's Country:</p> <p>Upon shipment, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring agency and the insurance company contracted by the Supplier to provide cargo insurance by telex, cable, facsimile, electronic mail, or EDI with the full details of the shipment. The Supplier shall promptly send the following documents to the Procuring agency by mail or courier, as appropriate, with a copy to the cargo insurance company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) two copies of the Supplier's invoice showing the description of the Goods, quantity, unit price, and total amount; (b) usual transportation documents; (c) insurance certificate; (d) certificate(s) of origin; and (e) estimated time and point of arrival in the Procuring agency's Country and at the site. <p>(ii) For Goods supplied locally (i.e., from within the Procuring agency's country):</p> <p>Upon shipment, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring agency by telex, cable, facsimile, electronic mail, or EDI with the full details of the shipment. The Supplier shall promptly send the following documents to the Procuring agency by mail or courier, as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) two copies of the Supplier's invoice showing the Goods' description, quantity, unit price, and total amount; (b) delivery note, railway receipt, or truck receipt; (c) ¹⁰² certificate of insurance; (d) certificate(s) of origin; and (e) estimated time of arrival at the site.
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			<p>(iii) Customs Clearance</p> <p>(a) The Procuring agency will bear responsibility for, and cost of, customs clearance into the Procuring agency's country in accordance the particular Incoterm(s) used for Goods supplied from outside the Procuring agency's country in the Price Schedules referred to by Article 2 of the Contract Agreement.</p> <p>(b) At the request of the Procuring agency, the Supplier will make available a representative or agent during the process of customs clearance in the Procuring agency's country for goods supplied from outside the Procuring agency's country. In the event of delays in customs clearance that are not the fault of the Supplier:</p> <p>(c) the Supplier shall be entitled to an extension in the Time for Achieving Operational Acceptance, pursuant to GCC Clause 26; the Contract Price shall be adjusted to compensate the Supplier for any additional storage charges that the Supplier may incur as a result of the delay.</p>
22.	Product Upgrades	22.1	At any point during performance of the Contract, should technological advances be introduced by the Supplier for Information Technologies originally offered by the Supplier in its bid and still to be delivered, the Supplier shall be obligated to offer to the Procuring agency the latest versions of the available Information Technologies having equal or better performance or functionality at the same or lesser unit prices.
		22.2	At any point during performance of the Contract, for Information Technologies still to be delivered, the Supplier will also pass on to the Procuring agency any cost reductions and additional and/or improved support and facilities that it offers to other clients of the Supplier in the Procuring agency's Country.

			During performance of the Contract, the Supplier shall offer to the Procuring agency all new versions, releases, and updates of Standard Software, as well as related documentation and technical support services, within thirty (30) days of their availability from the Supplier to other clients of the Supplier in the Procuring agency's Country, and no later than twelve (12) months after they are released in the country of origin. In no case will the prices for these Software exceed those quoted by the Supplier in the Recurrent Costs tables in its bid.
23.	Inspections and Test	23.1	The Procuring Agency or its representative shall have the right to inspect and /or to test the components of the system to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Agency. SCC and the Technical Specifications shall specify what inspections and tests the Procuring Agency shall notify the Supplier in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.
		23.2	The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Procuring Agency.
		23.3	Should any inspected or tested component fail to conform to the Specifications, the Procuring Agency may reject the component, and the Supplier shall replace the rejected component to meet specification requirements free of cost to the Procuring Agency.

		23.4	The Procuring Agency's right to inspect, test and, where necessary, reject component after' arrival in the Procuring Agency's country shall in no way be limited or eared by reason of the component having previously been inspected, tested, and passed by the Procuring Agency or its representative prior to the shipment from the country of origin.
		23.5	The Procuring Agency may require the Supplier to carry out any inspection and/or test not specified in the Contract, provided that the Supplier's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such inspection and/or test shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such inspection and/or test impedes the progress of work on the System and/or the Supplier's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in respect of the Time for Achieving Operational Acceptance and the other obligations so affected
		23.6	If any dispute shall arise between the parties in connection with or caused by an inspection and/or with regard to any component to be incorporated in the System that cannot be settled amicably between the parties within a reasonable period of time, either party may invoke the process, starting with referral of the matter to the Adjudicator in case an Adjudicator is included and named in the Contract Agreement.
24.	Installation of the System	24.1	As soon as the System, or any Subsystem, has, in the opinion of the Supplier, been delivered, pre-commissioned, and made ready for Commissioning and Operational Acceptance Testing in accordance with the Technical Requirements, the SCC and the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan, the Supplier shall so notify the Procuring agency in writing.

		<p>24.2 The Procuring Agency shall, within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Supplier’s notice under GCC Clause 24.1, either issue an Installation Certificate in the form specified in the Sample Forms Section in the Bidding Documents, stating that the System, or major component or Subsystem (if Acceptance by major component or Subsystem is specified pursuant to the SCC for GCC Clause 26.1), has achieved Installation by the date of the Supplier’s notice under GCC Clause 24.1, or notify the Supplier in writing of any defects and/or deficiencies, including, but not limited to, defects or deficiencies in the interoperability or integration of the various components and/or Subsystems making up the System. The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavors to promptly remedy any defect and/or deficiencies that the Procuring Agency has notified the Supplier of. The Supplier shall then promptly carry out retesting of the System or Subsystem and, when in the Supplier’s opinion the System or Subsystem is ready for Commissioning and Operational Acceptance Testing, notify the Procuring agency in writing, in accordance with GCC Clause 24.1. The procedure set out in this GCC Clause 24.2 shall be repeated, as necessary, until an Installation Certificate is issued.</p>
		<p>24.3 If the Procuring Agency fails to issue the Installation Certificate and fails to inform the Supplier of any defects and/or deficiencies within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Supplier’s notice under GCC Clause 24.1, or if the Procuring agency puts the System or a Subsystem into production operation, then the System (or Subsystem) shall be deemed to have achieved successful Installation as of the date of the Supplier’s notice or repeated notice, or when the Procuring agency put the System into production operation, as the case may be.</p>

25. Commissioning	25.1	<p>Commissioning of the System (or Subsystem if specified pursuant to the SCC for GCC Clause 26.1) shall be commenced by the Supplier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) immediately after the Installation Certificate is issued by the Procuring Agency, pursuant to GCC Clause 24.2; or (b) as otherwise specified in the Technical Requirement or the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan; or (c) immediately after Installation is deemed to have occurred, under GCC Clause 24.3.
	25.2	<p>The Procuring agency shall supply the operating and technical personnel and all materials and information reasonably required to enable the Supplier to carry out its obligations with respect to Commissioning.</p> <p>Production use of the System or Subsystem(s) shall not commence prior to the start of formal Operational Acceptance Testing</p>

26.	Operational Acceptance Tests	26.1	<p>The Operational Acceptance Tests (and repeats of such tests) shall be the primary responsibility of the Procuring agency (in accordance with GCC Clause 9.9), but shall be conducted with the full cooperation of the Supplier during Commissioning of the System (or major components or Subsystem[s] if specified in the SCC and supported by the Technical Requirements), to ascertain whether the System (or major component or Subsystem[s]) conforms to the Technical Requirements and meets the standard of performance quoted in the Supplier’s bid, including, but not restricted to, the functional and technical performance requirements. The Operational Acceptance Tests during Commissioning will be conducted as specified in the SCC, the Technical Requirements and/or the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan.</p> <p>At the Procuring agency’s discretion, Operational Acceptance Tests may also be performed on replacement Goods, upgrades and new version releases, and Goods that are added or field-modified after Operational Acceptance of the System.</p>
		26.2	<p>If for reasons attributable to the Procuring agency, the Operational Acceptance Test of the System (or Subsystem[s] or major components, pursuant to the SCC for GCC Clause 26.1) cannot be successfully completed within the period specified in the SCC, from the date of Installation or any other period agreed upon in writing by the Procuring agency and the Supplier, the Supplier shall be deemed to have fulfilled its obligations with respect to the technical and functional aspects of the Technical Specifications, SCC and/or the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan.</p>

27.	Operational Acceptance	27.1	<p>Subject to GCC Clause 27.4 (Partial Acceptance) below, Operational Acceptance shall occur in respect of the System, when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Operational Acceptance Tests, as specified in the Technical Requirements, and/or SCC and/or the Agreed and Finalized Project Plan have been successfully completed; or b) the Operational Acceptance Tests have not been successfully completed or have not been carried out for reasons that are attributable to the Procuring agency within the period from the date of Installation or any other agreed-upon period as specified in GCC Clause 27.2.2 above; or c) the Procuring agency has put the System into production or use for sixty (60) consecutive days. If the System is put into production or use in this manner, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring agency and document such use
		27.2	<p>At any time after any of the events set out in GCC Clause 27.1 have occurred, the Supplier may give a notice to the Procuring Agency requesting the issue of an Operational Acceptance Certificate.</p>
		27.3	<p>After consultation with the Procuring agency, and within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Procuring Agency shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) issue an Operational Acceptance Certificate; or (b) notify the Supplier in writing of any defect or deficiencies or other reason for the failure of the Operational Acceptance Tests; or (c) issue the Operational Acceptance Certificate, if the situation covered by GCC Clause 27.1 (b) arises.

		<p>27.4 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavors to promptly remedy any defect and/or deficiencies and/or other reasons for the failure of the Operational Acceptance Test that the Procuring Agency has notified the Supplier of. Once such remedies have been made by the Supplier, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring agency, and the Procuring agency, with the full cooperation of the Supplier, shall use all reasonable endeavors to promptly carry out retesting of the System or Subsystem. Upon the successful conclusion of the Operational Acceptance Tests, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring agency of its request for Operational Acceptance Certification, in accordance with GCC Clause 27.3. The Procuring agency shall then issue to the Supplier the Operational Acceptance Certification in accordance with GCC Clause 27.3 (a), or shall notify the Supplier of further defects, deficiencies, or other reasons for the failure of the Operational Acceptance Test. The procedure set out in this GCC Clause 27.4 shall be repeated, as necessary, until an Operational Acceptance Certificate is issued.</p>
		<p>27.5 If the System or Subsystem fails to pass the Operational Acceptance Test(s) in accordance with GCC Clause 26.1, then either:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the Procuring agency may consider terminating the Contract, pursuant to GCC Clause 41;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) if the failure to achieve Operational Acceptance within the specified time period is a result of the failure of the Procuring agency to fulfill its obligations under the Contract, then the Supplier shall be deemed to have fulfilled its obligations with respect to the relevant technical and functional aspects of the Contract.</p>

		27.6	If within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Supplier's notice the Procuring Agency fails to issue the Operational Acceptance Certificate or fails to inform the Supplier in writing of the justifiable reasons why the Procuring Agency has not issued the Operational Acceptance Certificate, the System or Subsystem shall be deemed to have been accepted as of the date of the Supplier's said notice
28.	Partial Acceptance	28.1	If so specified in the SCC for GCC Clause 26.1, Installation and Commissioning shall be carried out individually for each identified major component or Subsystem(s) of the System. In this event, the provisions in the Contract relating to Installation and Commissioning, including the Operational Acceptance Test, shall apply to each such major component or Subsystem individually, and Operational Acceptance Certificate(s) shall be issued accordingly for each such major component or Subsystem of the System, subject to the limitations contained in GCC Clause 28.2
		28.2	The issuance of Operational Acceptance Certificates for individual major components or Subsystems pursuant to GCC Clause 28.1 shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligation to obtain an Operational Acceptance Certificate for the System as an integrated whole (if so specified in the SCC for GCC 27.1) once all major components and Subsystems have been supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned
		28.3	In the case of minor components for the System that by their nature do not require Commissioning or an Operational Acceptance Test (e.g., minor fittings, furnishings or site works, etc.), the Procuring Agency shall issue an Operational Acceptance Certificate within fourteen (14) days after the fittings and/or furnishings have been delivered and/or installed or the site works have been completed. The Supplier shall, however, use all reasonable endeavors to promptly remedy any defects or deficiencies in such minor components detected by the Procuring agency or Supplier.

29.	Warranty/ Defect Liability Period	29.1	The Supplier warrants that the system, including all Information Technologies, Materials and other goods supplied and services provided under the Contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the Contract. The Supplier further warrants that all Goods supplied and services provided under this Contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship that prevent the System and/or any of its components from fulfilling the Technical Requirements (except when the design and/or material is required by the Procuring Agency, specifications) or from any act or omission of the Supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied Information System in the conditions prevailing in Pakistan. Exceptions and/or limitations, if any, to this warranty with respect to Software (or categories of Software), shall be as specified in the SCC. Commercial warranty provisions of products supplied under the Contract shall apply to the extent that they do not conflict with the provisions of this Contract.
		29.2	This warranty Period shall commence from the date of Operational Acceptance of the System (or of any major component or Subsystem for which separate Operational Acceptance is provided for in the Contract) and shall remain valid for a period specified in the SCC .
		29.3	The Procuring Agency shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication of any claims arising under this warranty.

		29.4	Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall promptly or within the period specified in the SCC, in consultation and agreement with the Procuring agency regarding appropriate remedying of the defects, and at its sole cost, repair, replace, or otherwise make good (as the Supplier shall, at its discretion, determine) such defect as well as any damage to the System caused by such defect. Any defective Information Technologies or other Goods that have been replaced by the Supplier shall remain the property of the Supplier
		29.5	If the Supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the Procuring Agency may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Agency may have against the Supplier under the Contract.
30.	Intellectual Property Rights Indemnity	30.1	<p>The Supplier shall indemnify and hold harmless the Procuring agency and its employees and officers from and against any and all losses, liabilities, and costs (including losses, liabilities, and costs incurred in defending a claim alleging such a liability), that the Procuring agency or its employees or officers may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Rights by reason of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) installation of the System by the Supplier or the use of the System, including the Materials, in the country where the site is located; (b) copying of the Software and Materials provided the Supplier in accordance with the Agreement; and (c) sale of the products produced by the System in any country, except to the extent that such losses, liabilities, and costs arise as a result of the Procuring agency's breach of GCC Clause 30.2.

		30.2	Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the System, including the Materials, other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, any infringement resulting from the use of the System, or any products of the System produced thereby in association or combination with any other goods or services not supplied by the Supplier, where the infringement arises because of such association or combination and not because of use of the System in its own right.
		30.3	Such indemnities shall also not apply if any claim of infringement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is asserted by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the Procuring agency's organization; (b) is a direct result of a design mandated by the Procuring agency's Technical Requirements and the possibility of such infringement was duly noted in the Supplier's Bid; or (c) results from the alteration of the System, including the Materials, by the Procuring agency or any persons other than the Supplier or a person authorized by the Supplier
31. Insurance		31.1	The Information System supplied/provided under the Contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

32.	Limitation of Liability	32.1	<p>Provided the following does not exclude or limit any liabilities of either party in ways not permitted by applicable law:</p> <p>(a) the Supplier shall not be liable to the Procuring agency, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to pay liquidated damages to the Procuring agency; and</p> <p>(b) the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Procuring agency, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to indemnify the Procuring agency with respect to intellectual property rights infringement</p>
33.	Related Services	33.1	<p>The Supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:</p>
			<p>a) Performance or supervision of on-site assembly, Installation Commissioning and/or start-up of the supplied Goods;</p>
			<p>b) Furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied Goods;</p>
			<p>c) Furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied Goods;</p>
			<p>d) Performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied Goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the Supplier of any warranty obligations under this Contract; and</p>
			<p>e) Training of the Procuring Agency’s personnel, at the Supplier’s plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-</p>

			up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the Goods supplied and Services Provided.
		33.2	Prices charged by the Supplier for related services, if not included in the Contract, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.
34.	Change Orders	34.1	The Procuring Agency may at any time, by a written order given to the Supplier, make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:
		a)	Drawings, designs, or specifications;
		b)	The method of shipment or packing;
		c)	The place of delivery; and/or
		d)	The Services to be provided by the Supplier.
		34.2	If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier's performance of any provisions under the Contract an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within thirty (30) days from the date of the Supplier's receipt of the Procuring Agency change order.
		34.3	Prices to be charged by the supplier for any related services that might be needed but which were not included in the Contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the Parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.
35.	Contract Amendments	35.1	Subject to GCC Clause 34 , no variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.
36.	Assignment	36.1	Neither the Procuring Agency nor the Supplier shall assign, in whole or in part, obligations under this Contract, except with the prior written consent of the other party.
37.	Sub-contracts	37.1	The Supplier shall consult the Procuring Agency in the event of subcontracting under this contract if not already specified in the Bid. Subcontracting shall not alter the Supplier's obligations.

38.	Delays in the Supplier's Performance	38.1	Delivery of the Goods and performance of Services making Information system shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Procuring Agency in the Schedule of Requirements.
		38.2	If at any time during performance of the Contract, the Supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods and performance of Services, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Agency in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Procuring Agency shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier's time for performance, with or without liquidated damages, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of Contract.
		38.3	Except as provided under GCC Clause 41 , a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 39 , unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 38.2 without the application of liquidated damages.
39.	Liquidated Damages	39.1	Subject to GCC Clause 41 , if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods or to perform the Services within the period(s) specified in the Contract, the Procuring Agency shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in SCC of the delivered price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the performance security (or guarantee) specified in SCC . Once the said maximum is reached, the Procuring Agency may consider termination of the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 40 .

40.	Termination for Default	40.1	The Procuring Agency or the Supplier, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the concerned party may terminate the Contract if the other party causes a fundamental breach of the Contract.
		40.2	Fundamental breaches of Contract shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:
			a) the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Agency or
			b) the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Contract;
			c) Supplier's failure to submit performance security (or guarantee) within the time stipulated in the SCC;
			d) the supplier has abandoned or repudiated the contract.
			e) the Procuring Agency or the Supplier is declared bankrupt or goes into liquidation other than for a reconstruction or amalgamation;
			f) a payment is not paid by the Procuring Agency to the Supplier after 84 days from the due date for payment;
			g) the Procuring Agency gives Notice that goods delivered with a defect is a fundamental breach of Contract and the Supplier fails to correct it within a reasonable period of time determined by the Procuring Agency; and
			h) if the Procuring Agency determines, based on the reasonable evidence, that the Supplier has engaged in corrupt, coercive, collusive, obstructive or fraudulent practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract.
		40.3	For the purpose of this clause:

			<p>“Corrupt and Fraudulent Practice” means the practices as described in Rule-2 (1) (f) of Public Procurement Rules-2004.</p>
		40.4	<p>In the event the Procuring Agency terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to GCC Clause 26.1, the Procuring Agency may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Services similar to those undelivered, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Procuring Agency for any excess costs for such similar Goods or Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.</p>
41. Termination for Force Majeure		41.1	<p>Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 38, 39, and 40, neither Party shall have any liability or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract for any delay nor is other failure in performance of its obligations under the Contract, if such delay or failure is a result of an event of Force Majeure.</p> <p>For purpose of this clause, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of a Party, and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood, epidemics, or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent</p>

		41.2	If a Party (hereinafter referred to as “the Affected Party”) is or will be prevented from performing its substantial obligation under the contract by Force Majeure, it shall give a Notice to the other Party giving full particulars of the event and circumstance of Force Majeure in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Procuring Agency in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
42. Termination for Insolvency		42.1	The Procuring Agency may at any time terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Agency.
43. Termination for Convenience		43.1	The Procuring Agency, by written notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Procuring Agency’s convenience, the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
		43.2	The Systems that are complete and ready for shipment within thirty (30) days after the Supplier’s receipt of notice of termination shall be accepted by the Procuring Agency at the Contract terms and price. For the remaining system, the Procuring Agency may elect:
		a)	To have any portion completed and delivered at the Contract terms and prices; and / or
		b)	To cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed Goods and Services and for materials and parts previously

			procured by the Supplier.
44.	Transfer of Ownership	44.1	With the exception of Software and Materials, the ownership of the Information Technologies and other Goods shall be transferred to the Procuring agency at the time of Delivery or otherwise under terms that may be agreed upon and specified in the Contract Agreement.
		44.2	Ownership and the terms of usage of the Software and Materials supplied under the Contract shall be governed by GCC Clause 14 (Copyright) and any elaboration in the Technical Requirements
		44.3	Ownership of the Supplier's Equipment used by the Supplier and its Subcontractors in connection with the Contract shall remain with the Supplier or its Subcontractors.
45.	Disputes Resolution	45.1	In the event of any dispute arising out of this contract, either party shall issue a notice of dispute to settle the dispute amicably. The parties hereto shall, within twenty-eight (28) days from the notice date, use their best efforts to settle the dispute amicably through mutual consultations and negotiation. Any unsolved dispute may be referred by either party to an arbitrator that shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties.
		45.2	After the dispute has been referred to the arbitrator, within 30 days, or within such other period as may be proposed by the Parties, the Arbitrator shall give its decision. The rendered decision shall be binding to the Parties.
46.	Procedure for Disputes Resolution	46.1	The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedure published by the Institution named and, in the place, shown in the SCC.
		46.2	The rate of the Arbitrator's fee and administrative costs of arbitration shall be borne equally by the Parties. The rates and costs shall be in accordance with the rules of the Appointing Authority. In conducting arbitration to its finality each party shall bear its incurred costs and expenses.
		46.3	The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedure published by the institution named and, in the place, shown in the SCC.

47.	Replacement of Arbitrator	47.1	Should the Arbitrator resign or die, or should the Procuring Agency and the Supplier agree that the Arbitrator is not functioning in accordance with the provisions of the contract, a new Arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties.
48.	Notices	48.1	Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to this Contract shall be sent to the other party in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication and confirmed in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication to the other party's address specified in SCC.
		48.2	A notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.

**SECTION IX: SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE
CONTRACT (SCC)**

Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement the GCC. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC. The corresponding clause number of the GCC is indicated in parentheses.

SCC Clause Number	GCC Clause Number	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the GCC
Definitions (GCC 1)		
1.	1.1(i)	The Procuring Agency is: Competition Commission of Pakistan
	1.1(o)	The Supplier is the successful bidder to whom the Contract will be awarded and signed by the Procuring Agency.
	1.1(p)	The title of the subject procurement or the Project is: Procurement of Next Generation Firewall.
Application and interpretation (GCC 2)		
2.	2.3	<p>Clause 2.3 of GCC is deleted in its entirety and substituted as under:</p> <p>The documents forming the Contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) This form of Contract; (b) letter of Commencement; (c) letter of Intent/ Acceptance; (d) addendum (if any); (e) the Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications; (f) the Special Conditions of Contract; (g) the General Conditions of the Contract; (h) the evaluated Financial Bid/Price Schedule;
Governing Language (GCC 4)		
4.	4.1	The Governing Language shall be: English
Applicable Law (GCC 5)		
5.	5.1	The Applicable Law shall be: Laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, having application and jurisdiction in Capital Territory of Islamabad.

	5.2	<p>The Contract shall be effective from the date of issuance of Letter of Commencement.</p> <p>The Contract shall remain in effect for three (03) years and six (06) months from the effective date, to perform the following tasks:</p> <p>(i) The Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training etc shall be completed as per Schedule of Requirement/ Technical Specifications within 06 (six) months of the issuance of letter of commencement.</p> <p>(ii) 24/7 support services shall be provided for a period of 3 years, covering warranty and defect liability, as well as license-related obligations, commencing from the date of Operational Acceptance.</p>
Country of Origin (GCC 6)		
6.	6.1	Country of Origin is : Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Scope of the System (GCC 7)		
7.	7.3	The Scope of the System is stipulated in the Schedule of Requirements/ Technical Specifications.
Supplier Responsibilities (GCC 8)		
8.	8.9	It is further added in Clause 8.9 that; the Supplier shall be responsible to supply and install the Firewall, hardware etc., and provide related services as stipulated in the Schedule of Requirements/ Technical Specifications (Section-VI).
Procuring Agency's Responsibilities (GCC 9)		
9.	9.1	As stated in Clause GCC 9.
Price (GCC 10)		
10.	10.2	Prices shall not be adjusted under this Contract.
Payment (GCC 11)		
11.	11.1	The method and conditions of payments to the supplier under this Contract shall be as follows:

		<p>i The fifty percent (50%) of the Contract Price may be paid in advance upon receipt of request of advance payment accompanied by an irrevocable and unconditional Advance Payment Security/Guarantee of the same amount, in the form of Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank of Pakistan valid for a period of 10 months, as per Format in Section X.</p> <p>ii The advance payment shall be adjusted in full against the first bill after supply and installation of Firewall and related items & services, as per schedule of requirement.</p> <p>iii Under this contract, only two bills are permissible. The initial bill will be processed after issuance of the Operational Acceptance, which will trigger the release of 95% payment, including the adjustment of any advance payment made earlier. Additionally, the advance payment Bank Guarantee will be discharged subject to receipt of a request for its release, after issuance of Operational Acceptance letter.</p> <p>iv The remaining payment of works/services will be released upon receipt of second bill after the satisfactory completion of Contract.</p> <p>v The payments of bills shall be subject to deductions of all applicable taxes.</p>
	11.3	No interest is payable on the delay payments under the contract.
	11.4	The Contract price will be in Pak rupees, and all payments will be made in Pak Rupees only.
	11.5	All payments under the Contract shall be made in Pak Rupees only.
Performance Guarantee (GCC 12)		
12.	12.2	The performance guarantee shall be TEN PERCENT (10%) of the Contract Price, valid for a period of 03 years 06 months, in the shape of irrevocable and unconditional Bank Guarantee in favour of Competition Commission of Pakistan, from any scheduled bank of Pakistan, as per Format provided in Section-X .

	12.3	The performance guarantee will be released/ discharged by the Procuring Agency and returned to the Supplier not later than twenty eight (28) days following the date of successful completion of Supplier's performance obligations to cover Warranty/Defect Liability Period in accordance with GCC Clause 29.
Taxes and Duties (GCC 13)		
13.	13.	<i>There are no Special Conditions of Contract applicable to GCC Clause 13.</i>
Copy Rights (GCC 14)		
14.	14.3	The Procuring Agency may use, assign, or otherwise voluntarily transfer its contractual rights to use the Firewall for official purposes as it deems appropriate, without the Supplier's prior written consent. Provided that such transfer does not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this contract.
	14.4	The Procuring Agency's and Supplier's rights and obligations with respect to Custom Software or elements of the Custom Software are as follows: <i>"not applicable"</i>
	14.5	No software escrow contract is required for the execution of the Contract.
Software License Validity (GCC 15)		
15.	15.1 (a)(iii)	The Firewall license shall be valid throughout the territory of the Procuring agency's Country for a period of 03 years from the date of Operational Acceptance;
	15.1 (a)(iv)	Use of the software shall be subject to the following additional restrictions: <i>"none"</i>
	15.1(b)(ii)	The Firewall license shall permit internal use, and transfer to replacement computers within the Procuring Agency.
	15.1(b) (vii)	The Firewall license allows support service suppliers and their subcontractors to access and reproduce the software, solely for the purpose of performing their support service contracts.
	15.1(b)(vi) i)	In addition to the persons specified in GCC Clause 15.1 (b) (vi), the Firewall may be disclosed to, and reproduced for use by, Procuring Agency's IT staff.

Confidential Information (GCC 16)		
16.	16.1	There are no modifications to the confidentiality terms expressed in GCC Clause 16.1.
	16.7	The provisions of this GCC Clause 16 shall survive the termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract for a period of 03 years and 06 months.
Project Plan (GCC 17)		
17.	17.1	Clause 17.1 is substituted as under: The supplier/bidder shall complete the project within timelines given in the Schedule of Requirement, Technical Requirements/Specifications (Section-VI).
	17.2 to 17.5	Clauses 17.2 to 17.5 are substituted as under: The supplier shall deliver, install, configure, and commission Firewall and conduct trainings in accordance with the timelines stipulated in the Technical Requirements/ Specifications (Section-VI).
Sub-Contracting (GCC 18)		
18.	18.1	Clause 18 is substituted as under: Sub-Contracting is not allowed.
Procurement and Delivery (GCC 19)		
19.	19.3	The supplier shall supply/deliver, install, configure, commission and conduct training of the Firewall within six (06) months of the date of issuance of letter of commencement.
Transportation (GCC 20)		
20.	20.3	The Supplier <i>shall</i> be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible country and <i>may</i> obtain insurance from any eligible source country at their own cost, if any and required by the supplier. It is the duty of supplier to provide all items and services safely in good condition to procuring agency at the mentioned office address.

Documents (GCC 21)		
21.	21.1(i) (ii)	The Supplier shall provide to the Procuring agency following documents: i All related documents for verifying conformance with Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications. ii Custom clearance certificate (if applicable) iii Delivery letter indicating the description of the items supplied, and services rendered, unit prices, taxes, etc. iv Two copies of the supplier's invoice showing the items and services description, and total amount with taxes. v Warranty cards/certificates/licenses (in original)
Products Upgrade (GCC 22)		
22.	22.1	The Supplier shall provide the Procuring agency with all new versions, releases, and updates of Firewall during the Warranty/Defect liability Period, for free, as specified in the GCC.
Inspections and Tests (GCC 23)		
23.	23.1	No change in GCC clause 23. The procuring agency may inspect and test equipment before installation at its site located at 7 th floor, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.
Installations (GCC 24)		
24.	24.1	There are no Special Conditions of Contract applicable to GCC Clause 24. The supplier shall perform tasks as per project plan given in the schedule of requirements/technical specifications (Section-VI).
Commissioning (GCC 25)		
25.	25.1	There are no special conditions of Contract applicable to GCC Clause 25. The supplier shall perform tasks as per project plan given in the technical requirements (Section-VI).
Operational Acceptance Test (GCC 26)		
26.	26.1	It is added in clause 26 that Operational Acceptance Testing shall be conducted for ONE MONTH by Procuring Agency.

27.	27	There is no change in Clause 27 of Operational Acceptance. However, it is added that; the Procuring Agency will issue an Operational Acceptance letter upon the successful operation of the Firewall for a period of ONE MONTH after commissioning.
28.	28.	Clause 28 of GCC relating to Partial Acceptance is deleted.
Defect Liability/Warranty (GCC 29)		
29.	29.1	For Software, exceptions or limitations to the Supplier's warranty obligations are <i>None</i> .
	29.2	The Warranty/Defect Liability period shall be 03 years commencing from the date of Operational Acceptance. During the Warranty/defect liability period the supplier shall provide 24/7 support, maintenance and related services as per Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications (Section-VI).
	29.4	The supplier shall promptly or within a period of 07 days replace, or otherwise remove defect as mentioned in GCC 29.4.
	29.5	If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within 15 days, the Procuring Agency reserves the right to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense, without prejudice to any other rights the Procuring Agency may have against the supplier under this contract. Such remedial action may include, but is not limited to: - Invoking the bank guarantee of performance security; - Forfeiting the balance amount including retention money. -Blacklisting the supplier in accordance with Public Procurement Rules and Regulations.
Intellectual Property Rights Indemnity		
30.	30.1	There are no Special Conditions of Contract applicable to GCC Clause 30.
Insurance (GCC Clause 31)		
31.	31.1	No insurance is applicable.

Related Services (GCC Clause 33)		
33.	33.1	The related services as indicated in Clause 33.1 of GCC are to be performed by the supplier, for technical support in accordance with Technical Requirements/Specifications (Section-VI).
	33.2	Price charged by the Supplier for all services and items will be as per contract price offered in financial bid (Section-VII), and no additional amount will be paid for rendering any support or related services, except any change occur as per clause 34.1.
Change Orders (GCC 34)		
34.	34.1	There are no Special Conditions of Contract applicable to GCC Clause 34.
Assignment (GCC 36)		
36.	36.1	There are no Special Condition of Contract applicable to GCC clause 36.1.
Liquidated Damages (GCC Clause 39)		
39.	39.1	If the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods or to perform services within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or the extended period (if any) the Procuring Agency, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Contract, will forfeit the performance guarantee as liquidated damages and will consider termination of Contract.
Procedure for Dispute Resolution (GCC Clause 45)		
45.	45.1	<p>Dispute Resolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If any dispute of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Procuring Agency and the Supplier in connection with or arising out of the Contract, including without prejudice to the generality of foregoing, any question regarding its existence, validity, termination and the execution of the Contract- whether during developing phase or after their completion and whether before or after the termination, abandonment or breach of the Contract - the parties shall seek to resolve any such dispute or difference by mutual diligent negotiations in good faith within 7 (seven) days

		<p>following a notice sent by one Party to the other Party in this regard.</p> <p>2. At future of negotiation the dispute shall be resolved through mediation and mediator shall be appointed with the mutual consent of the both parties.</p> <p>3. At the event of failure of mediation to resolve the dispute relating to this contract such dispute shall finally be resolved through binding Arbitration by sole arbitrator in accordance with Arbitration Act 1940. The arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties. The Arbitration shall take place in Islamabad and proceedings will be conducted in -English language.</p> <p>4. The cost of the mediation and arbitration shall be shared by the parties in equal proportion however the both parties shall bear their own costs and lawyer's fees regarding their own participation in the mediation and arbitration. However, the Arbitrator may make an award of costs upon the conclusion of the arbitration making any party to the dispute liable to pay the costs of another party to the dispute.</p> <p>5. Arbitration proceedings as mentioned in the above clause regarding resolution of disputes may be commenced prior to, during or after delivery of goods.</p> <p>6. Notwithstanding any reference to the arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree that the Procuring Agency shall pay the Supplier any monies due to the Supplier.</p>
Notices (GCC Clause 48)		
48.	48.1	<p>– Procuring Agency's address for notice purposes: Convener Procurement Committee, Competition Commission of Pakistan, through Director General (Admin) 9th Floor (South), ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.</p> <p>–Supplier's address for notice purposes:</p>

MECHANISM OF BLACKLISTING

<p>49.Mechanism of Blacklisting</p>	<p>49.1</p>	<p>The Procuring Agency shall bar for not more than the time prescribed in Rule-19 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, from participating in their respective procurement proceedings, bidder or contractor who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Involved in corrupt and fraudulent practices as defined in Rule-2 of Public Procurement Rules; ii. Fails to perform his contractual obligations; and iii. Fails to abide by the bid securing declaration;
	<p>49.2</p>	<p>The show cause notice shall contain: (a) precise allegation, against the bidder or contractor; (b) the maximum period for which the Procuring Agency proposes to debar the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement of the Procuring Agency; and (c) the statement, if needed, about the intention of the Procuring Agency to make a request to the Authority for debarring the bidder or contractor from participating in public procurements of all the procuring agencies.</p>
	<p>49.3</p>	<p>The procuring agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for submission of written reply of the show cause notice.</p>
	<p>49.4</p>	<p>In case, the bidder or contractor fails to submit written reply within the requisite time, the Procuring Agency may issue notice for personal hearing to the bidder or contractor/ authorize representative of the bidder or contractor and the procuring agency shall decide the matter on the basis of available record and personal hearing, if availed.</p>
	<p>49.5</p>	<p>In case the bidder or contractor submits written reply of the show cause notice, the Procuring Agency may decide to file the matter or direct issuance of a notice to the bidder or contractor for personal hearing.</p>

	49.6	The Procuring Agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for appearance before the specified officer of the Procuring Agency for personal hearing. The specified officer shall decide the matter on the basis of the available record and personal hearing of the bidder or contractor, if availed
	49.7	The procuring Agency shall decide the matter within fifteen days from the date of personal hearing unless the personal hearing is adjourned to a next date and in such an eventuality, the period of personal hearing shall be reckoned from the last date of personal hearing.
	49.8	The Procuring Agency shall communicate to the bidder or contractor the order of debaring the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement with a statement that the bidder or contractor may, within thirty days, prefer a representation against the order before the Authority.
	49.9	Such blacklisting or barring action shall be communicated by the procuring agency to the Authority and respective bidder or bidders in the form of decision containing the grounds for such action. The same shall be publicized by the Authority after examining the record whether the procedure defined in blacklisting and debarment mechanism has been adhered to by the procuring agency.
	49.10	The bidder may file the review petition before the Review Petition Committee Authority within thirty days of communication of such blacklisting or barring action after depositing the prescribed fee and in accordance with "Procedure of filing and disposal of review petition under Rule-19(3) Regulations, 2021". The Committee shall evaluate the case and decide within ninety days of filing of review petition
	49.11	The committee shall serve a notice in writing upon all respondent of the review petition. The notices shall be accompanied by the copies of review petition and all

		attached documents of the review petition including the decision of the procuring agency. The parties may file written statements along with essential documents in support of their contentions. The Committee may pass such order on the representation may deem fit.
	49.12	The Authority on the basis of decision made by the committee either may debar a bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement process of all or some of the procuring agencies for such period as the deemed appropriate or acquit the bidder from the allegations. The decision of the Authority shall be final.

SECTION X: CONTRACT FORMS

Form of Contract

THIS AGREEMENT made the ____ day of _____ 20____ between [*name and address of Procuring Agency*] of Pakistan (hereinafter called “the Procuring Agency”) of the one part and [*name of Supplier*] of [*city and country of Supplier*] (hereinafter called “the Supplier”) of the other part:

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

NOW THIS CONTRACT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Contract words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Contract, In the event of any ambiguity or conflict between the Contract Documents listed below, the order of precedence shall be the order in which the Contract Documents are listed below:-
 - (a) This form of Contract;
 - (b) letter of Commencement;
 - (c) letter of Intent/ Acceptance;
 - (d) addendum (if any);
 - (e) the Schedule of Requirements/Technical Specifications;
 - (f) the Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (g) the General Conditions of the Contract;
 - (h) the evaluated Financial Bid/Price Schedule;
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Procuring Agency to the Supplier as hereinafter mentioned, the Supplier hereby covenants with the Procuring Agency to provide the goods and related services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
4. The Procuring Agency hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the goods and related services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with their respective laws the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, delivered by _____ the _____ (for the Procuring Agency)

Witness to the signatures of the Procuring Agency:

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Signed, sealed, delivered by _____ the _____ (for the Procuring Agency)

Witness to the signatures of the Supplier:

Performance Security (or guarantee) Form

To: *[name of Procuring Agency]*

WHEREAS *[name of Supplier]* (hereinafter called "the Supplier") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. *[Reference number of the contract]* dated *[insert date]* to delivery *[description of goods and services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Supplier shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a reputable bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with the Supplier's performance obligations in accordance with the Contract.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Supplier a guarantee:

THEREFORE, WE hereby affirm that we are Guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the Supplier, up to a total of *[amount of the guarantee in words and figures]*, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of *[amount of guarantee]* as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee is valid until the: *[insert date]*

Signature and seal of the Guarantors

[name of bank or financial institution]

[address]

(Date)

Advance Payment Security (Guarantee)

To: Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP)
[name of Procuring Agency]

WHEREAS _____*[name of Supplier]* (hereinafter called "the Supplier") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. _____*[reference number of the contract]* dated _____ *[insert date]* to supply and install Next Generation Firewall *[description of goods and services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by CCP in the said Contract that the Supplier shall furnish CCP with an irrevocable and unconditional Bank Guarantee by a reputable/scheduled bank of Pakistan for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with the Advance Payment Security (Guarantee) obligations in accordance with the Contract.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give irrevocable Supplier's guarantee, to cover Advance Payment Security (Guarantee) of 50% of the Contract Price i.e, Rs. _____ rupees _____ for Supply of Next Generation Firewall to Competition Commission of Pakistan.

THEREFORE, WE hereby affirm that we are Guarantors and responsible to Competition Commission of Pakistan, on behalf of the Supplier, up to a total of Rs. _____ rupees _____ *[amount of the guarantee in words and figures]*, and we undertake to pay CCP, upon its first written demand declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of _____ *[amount of guarantee]* as aforesaid, without CCP needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for its demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee is valid for a period of 06 months from the date of issuance, or until issuance of letter of acceptance of Firewall by the Procuring Agency, whichever is the later date.

Signature and seal of the Guarantors

[name of bank or financial institution]

[address]

[date]