Request for Proposals (RFP)

Consulting Services for

DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY OF Differents IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN Rajpur Rural Municipality

(Lump-Sum SRFP)

RFP No.:

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PART I

Section 1 Letter of Invitation

RFP No: Location: Date:

Rajpur Rural Municipality, Office of the Rural Municipal Executive, Gangadi, Dang, Lumbini Provience, Nepal

- a) Green Ocean Consultancy and Research Centre pvt. ltd, Baneshwor, Kathmandu
- b) Shah Engineering Consultant pvt. Ltd. Koteshwor, Kathmandu
- c) Embark Engineering Services pvt. Ltd, Baneshwor, Kathmandu
- d) Jaara Engineering Construction and Services pvt.ltd, Kohalpur, Banke
- e) Sky Hub pyt.ltd, Kohalpur, Banke

Dear Mr./Ms.

- 1. Rajpur Rural Municipality, Dang allocated fund toward the cost of Water Resources and Irrigation Development and intends to apply a portion of this fund to eligible payments under this Contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
- 2. Rajpur Rural Municipality, now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): **Detailed Feasibility Study of Differents Irrigation Projects in Rajpur Rural Municipality More details** on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
- 3. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm, such as Consultant's parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates. The Client will reject a Proposal if the Consultant drops a JV partner without the Client's prior consent, which is given only in exceptional circumstances, such as blacklisting of the JV partner or occurrence of Force Majeure.
- 4. A firm will be selected under **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method and procedures described in this RFP.
- 5. The RFP includes the following documents:

Section 1 - Letter of Invitation

Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

Section 3 - Technical Proposal - Standard Forms

Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 - GoN/DP's Policy - Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

Section 7 - Terms of Reference

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6. Please inform us by in writing at Rajpur Rural Municipality, Office of the Municipal Executive, Gangadi, Dang, Lumbini Province, Nepal or by E-mail: rajpurmun@gmail.com

- (a) that you received the letter of invitation; and
- (b) Whether you will submit a proposal alone or in association with other firm(s) (if permissible under Section 2, Instructions to Consultants (ITC), Data Sheet 14.1.1).
- 7. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clauses 17.8 of the ITC.

Yours sincerely,	
Remant Bahadur Dangi	
Chief Administrative Officer	

Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet A. General Provisions

1. Definitions

- (a). "Affiliate(s)" means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant.
- (b). "Applicable Guidelines" means the policies of the Development Partner (DP) governing the selection and Contract award process, in case of DP funded project. "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Nepal as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (c). "Borrower [or Recipient or Beneficiary]" means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing [or loan/credit/grant/project] agreement with the Development Partner.
- (d). "Client" means the *[procuring entity/implementing/ executing agency]* that signs the Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant.
- (e). "Consultant" means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract.
- (f). "Contract" means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 (the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (g). "Data Sheet" means an integral part of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) Section 2 that is used to reflect specific assignment conditions to supplement, but not to over-write, the provisions of the ITC.
- (h). "Day" means a calendar day.
- (i). "Development Partner (DP)" means the country/institution funding the project as specified in the Data Sheet.
- (j). "Experts" means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s).
- (k). "Government" means the government of the Nepal.
- (I). "Joint Venture (JV)" means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one Consultant where one member has the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.
- (m). "Key Expert(s)" means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose CV is taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal.
- (n). "ITC" (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provides the shortlisted Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals.
- (o). "LOI" (Section 1 of the RFP) means the Letter of Invitation being sent by the Client to the shortlisted Consultants.
- (p). "Non-Key Expert(s)" means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant and who is assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract and whose CVs

	are not evaluated individually. (q). "Proposal" means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.
	(r). "RFP" means the Request for Proposals prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants, based on the SRFP.
	(s). "SRFP" means the Standard Request for Proposals issued by PPMO, which must be used by the Public Entity as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.
	(t). "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
	(u). "Sub-consultant" means an entity to whom the Consultant intends to subcontract any part of the Services while remaining responsible to the Client during the performance of the Contract.
	(v). "TORs" (this Section 7 of the RFP) means the Terms of Reference that explain the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.
2. Introduction	2.1 The Client named in the Data Sheet intends to select a Consultant from those listed in the Letter of Invitation, in accordance with the method of selection specified in the Data Sheet .
	2.2 The shortlisted Consultants are invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, or a Technical Proposal only, as specified in the Data Sheet , for consulting services required for the assignment named in the Data Sheet . The Proposal will be the basis for negotiating and ultimately signing the Contract with the selected Consultant.
	2.3 The Consultants should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals, including attending a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the Data Sheet . Attending any such pre-proposal conference is optional and is at the Consultants' expense.
	2.4 The Client will timely provide, at no cost to the Consultants, the inputs, relevant project data, and reports required for the preparation of the Consultant's Proposal as specified in the Data Sheet .
3. Conflict of Interest	3.1 The Consultant is required to provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, at all times holding the Client's interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignments or its own corporate interests, and acting without any consideration for future work. The Consultant has an obligation to disclose to the Client any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its Client. Failure to disclose such situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract and/or blacklisting by the Public Procurement Monitoring Office/DP.
	Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, and unless stated otherwise in the Data Sheet , the Consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
a. Conflicting activities	(i) Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or non-consulting services: a firm that has been engaged by the Client to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of

	a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation.
b. Conflicting assignments	(ii) Conflict among consulting assignments: a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) or any of its Affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the Consultant for the same or for another Client.
c. Conflicting relationships	(iii) Relationship with the Client's staff: a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Client or are directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the Contract, or (iii) the supervision of the Contract, may not be awarded a Contract.
4. Unfair Competitive Advantage	4.1 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that the Consultants or their Affiliates competing for a specific assignment do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question. To that end, the Client shall indicate in the Data Sheet and make available to all shortlisted Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any unfair competitive advantage over competing Consultants.
5. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices	5.1 The GoN/DP requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent/prohibited practices as set forth in Section 6. 5.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Consultant shall permit and shall cause its sub-consultants and sub-contractors to permit GoN/DP or its representatives to inspect the accounts, records and other documents relating to the submission of the Proposal and execution of the contract, in case of award, and to have the accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the GoN/DP.
6. Eligibility	 5.3 Consultants shall be aware of the provisions on fraud and corruption stated in Clause GCC 10.1. 6.1 The GoN/DP permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) from the eligible countries as stated in Section 5 to offer consulting services for GoN/DP-financed projects. 6.2 Furthermore, it is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its Experts, joint venture members, Sub-consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by the GoN/DP. Maximum number of partners in JV shall be Specified in Data sheet. 6.3 As an exception to the foregoing Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above:
a. Sanctions	6.3.1 In case of a natural person or firm/institution/company which is already declared blacklisted and ineligible by the GoN, any other new or existing firm/institution/company owned partially or fully by such Natural person or Owner or Board of director of blacklisted firm/institution/company; shall not be eligible consultant. The list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the electronic address specified in the Data Sheet .

b. Prohibitions	6.3.2 Firms and individuals shall have the nationality of an eligible countries as indicated in Section 5 (Eligible Countries) and: (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, Nepal prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
	(b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.
c. Restrictions for public employees	6.3.3 Government officials and civil servants may only be hired under consulting contracts, either as individuals or as members of a team of a consulting firm, if permitted under GoN/DP policy, and their employment would not create a conflict of interest).
	B. Preparation of Proposals
7. General Considerations	7.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
8. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	8.1 The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposal, and the Client shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. The Client is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant.
9. Language	9.1 The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Client, shall be written in the English language.
10. Documents Comprising the Proposal	 10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the Data Sheet. 10.2 The Consultant shall furnish information on commissions, gratuities and fees, if any, paid or to be paid to agents or any other party relating to this Proposal and, if awarded, Contract execution, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).
11.Only One Proposal	11.1 The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the Data Sheet .
12. Proposal Validity	12.1 The Data Sheet indicates the period during which the Consultant's Proposal must remain valid after the Proposal submission deadline. 12.2 During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price. 12.3 If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall
a. Extension of	be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to blacklisting in accordance with Clause 5 of this ITC.
Validity Period	12.4 The Client will make its best effort to complete the negotiations within the proposal's validity period. However, should the need arise, the Client

may request, in writing, all Consultants who submitted Proposals prior to the submission deadline to extend the Proposals' validity. 12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Key Experts. The Consultant shall not include any additional conditions against the provisions specified in RFP, while extending the validity of its Proposal. 12.6 The Consultant has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal in which case such Proposal will not be further evaluated. b. Substitution of Key 12.7 If any of the Key Experts become unavailable for the extended validity **Experts at Validity** period, the Consultant shall provide a written adequate justification and **Extension** evidence satisfactory to the Client together with the substitution request. In such case, a replacement Key Expert shall have equal or better qualifications and experience than those of the originally proposed Key Expert. The technical evaluation score, however, will remain to be based on the evaluation of the CV of the original Key Expert. 12.8 If the Consultant fails to provide a replacement Key Expert with equal or better qualifications, or if the provided reasons for the replacement or justification are unacceptable to the Client, such Proposal will be rejected. 12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services unless c. Sub-Contracting otherwise indicated in the Data Sheet. 13.1 The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP 13. Clarification and during the period indicated in the Data Sheet before the Proposals' Amendment of **RFP** submission deadline. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic means, to the Client's address indicated in the Data **Sheet.** The Client will respond in writing, or by standard electronic means. and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying its source) to all shortlisted Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described below: 13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means. The amendment shall be sent to all shortlisted Consultants and will be binding on them. The shortlisted Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments in writing. 13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the shortlisted Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals. 13.1.3 The Consultant may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline. While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular 14. Preparation of attention to the following: Proposals -Specific Considerations 14.1.1 If a shortlisted Consultant considers that it may enhance its expertise for the assignment by associating with other consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants, it may do so with either (a) non-shortlisted Consultant(s), or (b) shortlisted Consultants if permitted in

	the Data Sheet . In all such cases a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of the Client prior to the submission of the Proposal. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member.		
	14.1.2 The Client may indicate in the Data Sheet the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Client's estimated total cost of the assignment. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same.		
	14.1.3 If stated in the Data Sheet , the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the Data Sheet) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the Data Sheet .		
	14.1.4 For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts' time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the Data Sheet , and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.		
15. Technical Proposal Format and Content	15.1 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared non-responsive.		
	15.2 Only one curriculum vitae (CV) may be submitted for each key expert. If a technical proposal nominates more than one expert for a position, the Client will evaluate all CVs and apply the lowest score for the position.		
16. Financial Proposal	16.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 4 of the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts and Non-Key Experts, (b) other expenses, (c) provisional sums when applicable indicated in the Data Sheet .		
a. Price Adjustment	16.2 For assignments with a duration exceeding 12 months, a price adjustment provision for foreign and/or local inflation for remuneration rates applies if so stated in the Data Sheet .		
b. Taxes	16.3 The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract. Information on taxes in the Client's country is provided in the Data Sheet .		
c. Currency of Proposal	16.4 The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the Data Sheet . If indicated in the Data Sheet , the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the Nepalese Rupees.		
d. Currency of Payment	16.5 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the Proposal.		
	C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation		
17. Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Proposals	17.1 The Consultant shall submit a signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with Clause 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). The submission can be done by mail or by hand. If specified in the Data Sheet , the Consultant has the option of submitting its Proposals electronically.		
	17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical		

- Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposals and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney attached to the Technical Proposal.
- 17.3 A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be signed by all members so as to be legally binding on all members, or by an authorized representative who has a written power of attorney signed by each member's authorized representative.
- 17.4 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal.
- 17.5 The signed Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL", and its copies marked "COPY" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the **Data Sheet**. All copies shall be made from the signed original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 17.6 The original and all the copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL", "[Name of the Assignment]", reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning "Do Not Open until [INSERT THE DATE AND THE TIME OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE]."
- 17.7 Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required for the applicable selection method) shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" followed by the name of the assignment, reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning "Do NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL."
- 17.8 The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, Consultant's name and the address, and shall be clearly marked "Do Not Open Before [insert the time and date of the submission deadline indicated in the Data Sheet]".
- 17.9 If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, the Client will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal. For QCBS, FBS and LCS, if the Technical and Financial Proposals are not submitted in separate sealed envelopes as required, the Client shall reject the Proposal.
- 17.10 The Proposal or its modifications must be sent to the address indicated in the Data Sheet and received by the Client no later than the deadline indicated in the Data Sheet, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Client after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.

18. Confidentiality

- 18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultant should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals and award recommendations shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to any other party not officially concerned with the process, until the letter of intent to accept the proposal has been issued to the selected Consultant.
- 18.2 Any attempt by shortlisted Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Client in the evaluation of the

	Proposals or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing PPMO's blacklisting procedures. 18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals' opening to the time of issuance of notification for opening of financial proposal or the Letter of Intent, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Client on any matter related to the selection process, it should do so only in writing.
19. Opening of Technical Proposals	19.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the shortlisted Consultants' authorized representatives who choose to attend. The opening date, time and the address are stated in the Data Sheet . The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored until they are opened in accordance with Clause 23 of the ITC.
	19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out: (i) the name and the country of the Consultant or, in case of a Joint Venture, the name of the Joint Venture, the name of the lead member and the names and the countries of all members; (ii) the presence or absence of a duly sealed envelope with the Financial Proposal; (iii) any modifications to the Proposal submitted prior to proposal submission deadline; and (iv) any other information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the Data Sheet .
20. Proposals Evaluation	20.1 Subject to provision of Clause 15.1 of the ITC, the evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded and the DP issues its "no objection", if applicable.
	20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 12.7 of this ITC. While evaluating the Proposals, the Client will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.
21. Evaluation of Technical Proposals	21.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Data Sheet . Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. The evaluation committee shall compute the score obtained by each proposal by taking the average of the scores given by each member of the evaluation committee to the proposal. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet .
	21.2 Proposed experts, involved in the firms' work in hand will not be considered for evaluation to the extent of this involvement in the ongoing assignment.
	21.3 In Case, a corruption case is being filed to Court against the Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV, such Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV such firm's or JV proposal shall be excluded from the evaluation, if public entity receives instruction from Government of Nepal.

22.1 Following the ranking of the Technical Proposals, when the selection 22. Financial is based on quality only (QBS), the top-ranked Consultant is invited Proposals for to negotiate the Contract. QBS 22.2 If Financial Proposals were invited together with the Technical Proposals, only the Financial Proposal of the technically top-ranked Consultant is opened by the Client's evaluation committee. All other Financial Proposals are returned unopened after the Contract negotiations are successfully concluded and the Contract is signed. 22.3 In Case, a corruption case is being filed to Court against the Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV, such Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV such firm's or JV proposal shall be excluded from the evaluation, if public entity receives instruction from Government of Nepal. 23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed and the DP has issued its 23. Public Opening of no objection (if applicable), the Client shall notify those Consultants **Financial** whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and **Proposals** (for TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score (and QCBS, FBS, and shall provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical LCS methods) score) that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing. The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing those Consultants that have achieved the minimum overall technical score and inform them of the date, time and location for the opening of the Financial Proposals. The opening date should be at least 7 days for national shortlisting and 15 days for international shortlisting for attending the opening. The Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals is optional and is at the Consultant's choice. 23.2 The Financial Proposals shall be opened by the Client's evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of those Consultants whose proposals have passed the minimum technical score. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposals will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the following information will be recorded: (a) Name and address, (b) Proposed service charge, (c) Discount offered, if any; (d) Description of the discrepancies, if any, between figure and words, (e) Whether the financial proposal is signed or not by authorized

representative of consultant,

(f) If any matter or content of the financial proposal is effaced whether such efface is signed by the consultant or his/her representative or not

(g) Other necessary matters considered appropriate by the Public Entity 23.3 In Case, a corruption case is being filed to Court against the Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV, such Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV such firm's or JV proposal shall be excluded from the evaluation, if public entity receives instruction from Government of Nepal.

and the details of the amount and the content effaced,

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24. Correction of Errors	24.1 Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal.
a. Time-Based Contracts	24.1.1 If a Time-Based contract form is included in the RFP, the Client's evaluation committee will (a) correct any computational or arithmetical errors, (b) adjust the discount offered, if any, and (b) adjust the prices if they fail to reflect all inputs included for the respective activities or items in the Technical Proposal. In case of discrepancy between (i) a partial amount (sub-total) and the total amount, or (ii) between the amount derived by multiplication of unit price with quantity and the total price, or (iii) between words and figures, the former will prevail. In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, the Technical Proposal prevails and the Client's evaluation committee shall correct the quantification indicated in the Financial Proposal, apply the relevant unit price included in the Financial Proposal to the corrected quantity, and correct the total Proposal cost.
b. Lump-Sum Contracts	24.2 If a Lump-Sum contract form is included in the RFP, the Consultant is deemed to have included all prices in the Financial Proposal, so neither arithmetical corrections nor price adjustments shall be made. The total price, net of taxes understood as per Clause ITC 25 below, specified in the Financial Proposal (Form FIN-1) shall be considered as the offered price.
25. Taxes	 25.1 Except as set out in Sub-clause 25.2, all taxes are deemed included in the Consultant's Financial proposal, and, therefore, included in the evaluation. 25.2 Except for VAT, all taxes levied and imposed on the contract invoices and any tax liabilities arising from the Contract under the laws of Nepal are deemed included in the Consultant's Financial Proposal and, hence, included in the evaluation. Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in Nepal can be found as indicated in Clause 16.3 of the Data Sheet.
26. Conversion to Single Currency	26.1 For the evaluation purposes, prices shall be converted to a single currency using the selling rates of exchange, source and date indicated in the Data Sheet .
27. Combined Quality and Cost Evaluation	
a. Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)	27.1 In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the Data Sheet . The Consultant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.
b. Fixed-Budget Selection (FBS)	27.2 In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in Clause 14.1.4 of the Data Sheet shall be rejected.
	27.3 The Client will select the Consultant that submitted the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.
c. Least-Cost Selection (LCS)	27.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Client will select the Consultant with the lowest evaluated total price among those consultants that achieved the minimum technical score, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.

D. Negotiations and Award		
28. Negotiations	 28.1 The negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet with the Consultant's representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant. 28.2 The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the 	
	Client and the Consultant's authorized representative.	
	28.3 The date, time and address for the negotiations will be advised in writing by the client. The notification period shall be at least 15 days for international selection and 7 days for national selection.	
a. Availability of Key Experts	28.3 The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with Clause 12 of the ITC. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant.	
	28.4 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.	
b. Technical negotiations	28.5 The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Client's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the TOR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.	
c. Financial negotiations	 28.6 In the case of a Time-Based contract, where cost is a factor in the evaluation, unit rates negotiations for remuneration shall not take place. However, there may be negotiation on reimbursable expenses. 28.7 If the selection method included cost as a factor in the evaluation, the total price stated in the Financial Proposal for a Lump-Sum contract shall not be negotiated. 28.8 The format for (i) providing information on remuneration rates in the case of Quality Based Selection is provided in Appendix A to the Financial Form FIN-3:Financial Negotiations — Breakdown of Remuneration Rates. 	

29.1 The negotiations are concluded with a review of the finalized draft 29. Conclusion of Contract, which then shall be initialed by the Client and the **Negotiations** Consultant's authorized representative. 29.2 If the negotiations fail, the Client shall inform the Consultant in writing of all pending issues and disagreements and provide a final opportunity to the Consultant to respond. If disagreement persists, the Client shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so. The Client will invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Client commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Client shall not reopen the earlier negotiations. Pursuant to Clause 29.1 of this ITC, the consultant, with whom 30.1 30. Award of agreement is reached following negotiation, shall be selected for Contract approval of his proposal and the Client shall notify its' intention to accept the proposal to the selected consultant and other short-listed consultants within 7 days of selection of the winning proposal. 30.2 If the review application is not received by the Client pursuant to Clause 31.2 of this ITC then the proposal of the Consultant, selected as per Clause 30.1 of this ITC shall be accepted and the successful consultant shall be notified to come for signing the Agreement within 15 days. 30.3 If the Consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Clause 30.2 of this ITC then the Client will invite the consultant whose proposal received the next highest score to negotiate a contract. 30.4 The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the **Data Sheet**. 30.5 In Case, a corruption case is being filed to Court against the Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV, such Natural Person or Board of Director of the firm/institution /company or any partner of JV such firm's or JV proposal shall be excluded from the evaluation, if public entity receives instruction from Government of Nepal. 31. Request for 31.1 A consultant, who has been informed that its technical proposal has been considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet Information/ the minimum qualifying technical score, may request the Client to **Complaints** provide the technical score obtained by him and the reason for not being able to qualify. The Client shall provide the information within 5 days of receiving such request. If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision given by the procuring entity and/or the decision is not given by the Procuring Entity within 5 days, then the applicant can file a complaint to the Review Committee within 7 days. The Applicant filing application for review shall have to furnish a cash amount or bank guarantee from Commercial Bank or Financial Institution eligible to issue Bank Guarantee as per prevailing Law equivalent to the amount specified in the Data Sheet with the validity period of at least ninety days from the date of filing of application.

In case of letter of intent after evaluation of financial proposal if the applicant is not satisfied with the decision given by the procuring entity and/or the decision is not given by the Procuring Entity within 5 days, then the applicant can file a complaint to the Review Committee within 7 days. The Applicant filing application for review shall have to furnish a cash amount or bank guarantee from Commercial Bank or Financial Institution eligible to issue Bank Guarantee as per prevailing Law equivalent to the 1% of Financial Proposal with the validity period of at least ninety days from the date of filing of application.

- 31.2 Any consultant, who has submitted a proposal and is not satisfied with the procurement process or Client's decision provided as per Clause 30.1 of this ITC and believes that the Client has committed an error or breach of duty which has or will result in loss to him then the consultant may give an application for review of the decision to the Client with reference to the error or breach of duty committed by the Client. The review application should be given within 7 days of receipt of information regarding the issue of letter by the Client notifying its intention to accept the winning proposal pursuant to Clause 30.1 of this ITC.
- 31.3 If a review application is received by the Client pursuant to Clause 31.2 of this ITC then the Client will clarify and respond within 5 days of receiving such application.
- 31.4 If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision given by the procuring entity and/or the decision is not given by the Procuring Entity within 5 days, then the applicant can file a complaint to the Review Committee within 7 days.
- 31.5 If a complaint has been lodged to the client, the client shall put on hold the awarding process for 7 days period provided to lodge a complaint to the review committee.

32. Conduct of Consultants

- 32.1 The Consultant shall be responsible to fulfil his obligations as per the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and Public Procurement Act and Regulations.
- 32.2 The consultant shall not carry out or cause to carry out the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the Contract Agreement:
 - a. give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
 - b. distortion or misrepresentation of facts
 - c. engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
 - d. interference in
 - e. participation of other prospective bidders.
 - f. coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceedings,
 - g. collusive practice among consultants before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among consultants or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.
 - h. contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to the notification of award of contract

33. Blacklisting

33.1 Without prejudice to any other rights of the client under this Contract,

the Public Procurement Monitoring Office may blacklist a Consultant for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the consultant:

- a) if it is proved that the consultant committed acts pursuant to the Clause 32.2 of the ITC.
- b) if the consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Clause 30.2 of the ITC,
- c) if it is proved later that the consultant has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed assignment is not of the specified quality as per the contract,
- d) if convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the firm from participating in the contract.
- e) if it is proved that the contract agreement signed by the Consultant was based on false or misrepresentation of consultant's qualification information,
- f) if the consultant fails to submit the professional liability insurance within the period stipulated in the contract.
- 33.2 A Consultant declared blacklisted and ineligible by the GoN, Public Procurement Monitoring Office (PPMO) and/or DP Development Partner in case of DP funded project, shall be ineligible to participate or to be awarded a contract during the period of time determined by the GoN, PPMO and/or the DP Development Partner.

The list of debarred firms is available at the electronic address specified in the **Data Sheet**.

E. Data Sheet

A. General		
ITC Clause Reference		
1(i)	Development Partner (DP) is: NA	
1(k) (definitions)	International experts mean experts who are citizens of an eligible country. National experts mean experts who are citizens of Nepal. Nationals who possess the appropriate international experience may be considered for assignments that require international expertise. The international experience that is required for a particular assignment will be defined and described in the pertinent TOR.	
2.1	Name of the Client: Rajpur Rural Municipality, Office of the Rural Municipal Executive, Gangadi, Dang, Lumbini Provience, Nepal Method of selection: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	
2.2	Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal: Yes √ No. The name of the assignment is: Consulting Service for Detailed Feasibility Study of Irrigation Projects in Rajpur Rural Municipality	
2.3	A pre-proposal conference will be held: NA [If "Yes", fill in the following:] Date of pre-proposal conference: Time: Address: Telephone: E-mail: Contact person/conference coordinator:[insert name and title]	
2.4	The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: Please refer to Section 7, TOR	
4.1	[If "Unfair Competitive Advantage" applies to the selection, explain how it is mitigated, including listing the reports, information, documents, etc. and indicating the sources where these can be downloaded or obtained by the shortlisted Consultants]	
6.2	Maximum number of partners in JV shall be: N/A	

6.3.1	A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the following website: https://ppmo.gov.np
	B. Preparation of Proposals
10.1	The Proposal shall comprise the following: 1st Inner Envelope with the Technical Proposal: (1) Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal (2) Proof of Legal Status and Eligibility (3) TECH-1 (4) TECH-2 (5) TECH-3 (6) TECH-4 (7) TECH-5 (8) TECH-6 (9) TECH-7 AND 2nd Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal (if applicable): (1) FIN-1 (2) FIN-2 (3) FIN-3 (4) FIN-4 Proof of legal status establish Consultant's legal capacity to enter into binding and enforceable contracts and may be supported by: • Certificate of incorporation.
11.1	Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible Yes
12.1	Proposals must remain valid for <i>90</i> days calendar days after the proposal submission deadline.
12.9	Sub-contracting is allowed for the proposed assignment No If yes, specify the part of the assignment that can be sub contracted:
13.1	Clarifications may be requested no later than 5 days prior to the submission deadline. The contact information for requesting clarifications is: Rajpur Rural Municipality, Office of the Rural Municipal Executive, Gangadi, Dang, Lumbini Province, Nepal Facsimile: 9857835240 E-mail: rajpurmun@gmail.com
14.1.1	Shortlisted Consultants may associate with (a) non-shortlisted consultant(s): NO (b) other shortlisted Consultants: No

14.1.2	Estimated input of national Key Experts' time-input: 2 person-months
14.1.3 for time-based contracts only	Not applicable
14.1.4 and 27.2 use for Fixed Budget method	
16.1	Not Applicable
16.2	A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: Not Applicable
16.3	[Insert the following: "Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in Nepal can be found at the Inland Revenue Department website: www.ird.gov.np."
16.4	The Financial Proposal shall be stated in the following currencies: Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies.
	The Financial Proposal should state local costs in Nepalese Rupees
	C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation
17.1	The Consultants shall not have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically.
17.5	The Consultant must submit: (a) Technical Proposal: one (1) original (b) Financial Proposal: one (1) original.
17.8	The Proposals must be received at the address below no later than: Date: 2 may 2025 Time: 5:00 PM The Proposal submission address is: Rajpur Rural Municipality, Gangadi, Dang
19.1	An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered: No The opening shall take place at: Date: 4 may 2025 Time: 12:00 PM
19.2	In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals: Confirmation that invitation to submit proposal was not transferred to another party. i) Whether there is any manually strikethrough of words or not

	ii) whether there is any discrepancy in number between word or numerals								
21.1	The evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation are: Evaluation Criteria for Evaluating Technical and Financial Proposals as attached at the end of the Data Sheet.								
	The minimum technical score required to pass: 60%								
23.1	An online option of the opening of the Financial Proposals is offered: No								
23.1 and 23.2	The Client will read aloud only overall technical scores.								
26.1	Not applicable								
27.1 [a. QCBS	The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.								
only]	The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:								
	Sf = 100 x Fm/ F, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F"								
	is the price of the proposal under consideration. The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:								
	$\mathbf{T} = \underline{0.80}$ $\mathbf{P} = \underline{0.20}$								
	Proposals are ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the								
	weight given to the Financial Proposal; $T + P = 1$) as following: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$.								
	D. Negotiations and Award								
28.1	Expected date and address for contract negotiations: Date:27 april, 2025 Address: Rajpur Rural Municipality, Gangadi, Dang								
30.4	Expected date for the commencement of the Services: Date: 2 may 2025								
33.2	A list of blacklisted firms is available at the PPMO's website http://www.ppmo.gov.np								

Evaluation Criteria For Evaluating Technical and Financial Proposals

Selection of the firm to be invited for contract negotiation for the proposed services will be based upon the quality and cost based selection of the responsive bidders using the evaluation criteria mentioned below. The technical proposals shall be evaluated first. The financial proposals of only those bidders that score 60 or more points out of a total of 100 points in the technical proposals will be opened. The weightage allotted to the Technical and the Financial proposals are 80% and 20% respectively. The lowest financial proposal (Fm) will be given a score of 100 points. The financial scores ($S_{\rm F}$) of other financial proposals shall be computed by the formula,

 $S_F = 100 * F_m/F$

Where, F is the price of the financial proposal under consideration.

The final combined score (F_{cs}) of any firm,

Fcs = 0.8* Technical proposal score + 0.2 * Financial proposal score

Evaluation Criteria for Procurement of Consulting Service

Selection of the Consultant to be invited for contract negotiation for the proposed services will be based upon the quality and cost based selection of the responsive bidders using the evaluation criteria mentioned below:

Criteria for Evaluation of Technical Proposals

The responsive technical proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Specific experience of the firm related to the assignment
 Adequacy of the proposed work plan, approach and methodology
 Qualification and competency of the key staffs proposed
 Suitability of the transfer of knowledge program or training
 Maximum Points
 10 Points
 5 Points
 100 Points

1. Specific Experience of the Firm related to the Assignment – 10 Points

These criteria will be evaluated based on the firm's specific experience as mentioned below, completed by the Consultants in last 10 (ten) years. The Project which has been completed by 80% of the work shall be considered for the evaluation. The number, size, type, scope and nature of work carried out by the Consultant shall be taken into account and the sub-criteria to be considered under the experience and the allotment of points are:

Experience of works completed within last 10 years:

1.1 Detailed Feasibility Study(DFS)/ Detailed Design Report(DDR)/ Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Irrigation Project (At least two projects-5,3-5 Projects-7, More than 5 Project- 10 marks)

1.2

2. Adequacy of the Proposed Work Plan and Methodology in responding to the Terms of Reference 30 points

The criterion will be evaluated for the preparation of the assignment and appropriateness and adequacy of the proposal under the sub criteria mentioned below:

2.1 Understanding of TOR and identification of project specific issues- [6 points]

Evaluation will be based upon how best the consultant has understood the requirements and the tasks set out in the terms of reference and have identified the project objectives and project specific issues.

2.2 Approach and Methodology including work program and schedule. [20 points]

Evaluation will be based upon appropriateness of the approach perceiving how best the project is to be developed, the methodology demonstrated by the overall breakdown of the services and listing with description of the necessary tasks and sub tasks along with statements emphasizing how the crucial activities will be carried out. Coverage of the pertinent issues and proposed solutions, clarity in approach, procedures, practicality and the demonstrated technical suitability along with institutional arrangements will also be considered.

a. Planning of the proposed study work

6 points6 points

b. Field works for different components as per scope of workc. Planning and design as per scope of work

- 6 points

d. Work program/Schedule

- 2 points

2.3 Comments on TOR to improve the performance achieving the objectives [4 points]

(Each valid comment will carry 2 point)

{Notes to Consultant: The Client will assess whether the proposed methodology is clear, responds to the TORs, work plan is realistic and implementable; overall team composition is balanced and has an appropriate skills mix; and the work plan has right input of Experts}

3. Qualification and Experience of the Key-staffs for the Assignment- 55 points

{Notes to Consultant: Each position number corresponds to the same for the Key Experts in Form TECH-6 to be prepared by the Consultant}

The consultant team shall consist of personnel from various disciplines to provide an integrated service to the different areas of project activities. The estimated various professionals, whose CV's are to be evaluated, have been assigned the following weightage:

SN	Position	Points
1	Team leader	25
2	Irrigation Engineer	20
3	GIS Expert	10

Firms will be disqualified, if Team leader, is not proposed.

The marks obtained by each expert will be multiplied respectively by the above weightages and sum to determine the final score. The evaluation criteria to determine the relevance and adequacy of the individual proposed are set as described below.

Team leader 25

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3.1.1 Education Qualification in relevant field of work

Master Degree with 5 year experience as a team leader or Project Co-ordinater 10 mark , Otherwise 0 number.

3.1.2 Specific Work Experience: Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources Projects

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For evaluating this criterion,

At least 2 no. of Project-5 marks, 3-5 Project – 7 marks and more than 5 Project 10 marks.

3.1.3 Work Experience in Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources any similar terrain Projects

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For evaluating this criterion,

At least 2 no. of Project-1 marks, 3-5 Project -3 marks and more than 5 Project 5 marks.

<u>Irrigation Engineer</u> <u>20</u>

3.2 General Qualification.

10

3.2.1 Education Qualification in relevant field of work

Bachelor Degree with 5 year experience as a Water Resource Engineer 10 mark , Otherwise 0 .

3.2.2 Specific Work Experience : Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources Projects

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For evaluating this criterion,

At least 2 no. of Project-3 marks, 3-5 Project – 5 marks and more than 5 Project 7 marks.

3.2.3 Work Experience in Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources any similar terrain Projects3

For evaluating this criterion,

At least 2 no. of Project-1 marks, 3-5 Project -2 marks and more than 5 Project 5 marks.

GIS Expert 10

3.3 General Qualification.

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3.3.1 Education Qualification in relevant field of work

Bachelor Degree with 3 year experience in Civil Engineer or Geography or Geometrics with training in GIS 5 mark, Otherwise 0 number.

3.3.2 Specific Work Experience : Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources Projects

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For evaluating this criterion,

At least 2 no. of Project-1 marks, 3-5 Project – 3 marks and more than 5 Project 5 marks.

3.3.3 Work Experience in Experience in Feasibility Study, Detailed Planning and Engineering design of Irrigation/Water Resources any similar terrain Projects3

For evaluating this criterion,

No. of 2 Project 2 marks, 3 or above Project -3 marks.

- 5 Points

Suitability of the transfer of knowledge program or training

Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

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

FORM TECH-1

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

{Location, Date}

To: [Name and address of Client]

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposals dated [Insert Date] and our Proposal. [Select appropriate wording depending on the selection method stated in the RFP: "We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal sealed in a separate envelope" or, if only a Technical Proposal is invited "We hereby are submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal only in a sealed envelope."].

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

If the Consultant's Proposal includes Sub-consultants, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal with the following firms as Sub-consultants: {Insert a list with full name and country of each Sub-consultant.}

We hereby declare that:

- (a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification by the Client and/or may be blacklisted by the PPMO.
- (b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1.
- (c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3 and we have not been punished for an offense relating to the concerned profession or business.
- (d) We meet the eligibility requirements as stated in ITC 6.
- (e) Neither we, nor our JV/associate partners/ sub-consultants or any of the proposed experts prepared the TOR for this consulting assignment.
- (f) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC Clause 12 and ITC Clause 28.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.
- (g) Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to any modifications resulting from the Contract negotiations.
- (h) In competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the Contract, we undertake to observe the laws against fraud and corruption, including bribery, in force in the country of the Client.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted and the Contract is signed, to initiate the Services related to the assignment no later than the date indicated in Clause 30.4 of the Data Sheet.

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

We remain,
Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature {In full and initials}:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name):
In the capacity of:

Address:
Contact information (phone and e-mail):

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached}

CONSULTANT'S ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

A - Consultant's Organization

1. Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture – of each member for this assignment.

B - Consultant's Experience

- 1. List only previous <u>similar</u> assignments successfully completed in the last 5 (five) years.
- 2. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture partners. Assignments completed by the Consultant's individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Client.

Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your Consultant/entity, either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, was legally contracted.

Assignment Name:		Country:					
Location within Country:		Professional Staff Provided by Your Consultant/Entity(profiles):					
Name of Client:		No. of Staff:					
Address:		No. of Staff-Months; Duration of Assignment:					
Start Date (Month/Year):	Completion Date (Month/Year):	Approx. Value of Services Proposal National level :NRs International Level: (in Current US\$):					
Name of Associated Cor	nsultants, If Any:	No. of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants:					
Name of Senior Staff an Functions Performed:	d Designation (Pro	ject Director/Coordinator, Team Leader etc.) Involved and					
Narrative Description of Project :(Actual assignment, nature of activities performed and location)							
Description of Actual Se	rvices Provided by	Your Staff:					

Consultant's Name:

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

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

A - On the Terms of Reference

{improvements to the Terms of Reference, if any}

B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY AND WORK PLAN IN RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology
- b) Work Plan
- c) Organization and Staffing}
- a) <u>Technical Approach and Methodology.</u>{Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output .<u>Please do not repeat/copy</u> the TORs in here.}
- b) <u>Work Plan.</u>{Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}
- c) <u>Organization and Staffing.</u>{Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts and relevant technical and administrative support staff.}

WORK SCHEDULE AND PLANNING FOR DELIVERABLES

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

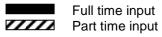
¹ List the deliverables with the breakdown for activities required to produce them and other benchmarks such as the Client's approvals. For phased assignments, indicate the activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.

- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in a form of a bar chart.
- 3. Include a legend, if necessary, to help read the chart.

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

N°	Name, Nationality and DOB	Expert's input (in person/month) per each Deliverable (listed in TECH-5)									Total time-input (in Months)		
		Positio n		D-1	D-2	D-3		D		Home	Field	Total	
KEY	EXPERTS												
Inter	national												
K-1	PAK. 15.06.1954}	[Team Leader]	[Home] [Field]	[2 month] [0.5 m]	[1.0] [2.5]	[1.0]							
K-2	e.g., Mr. Xxxyyy, USA, 20.04.1969}												
K-3													
Natio	onal	•	•		•					•			
]	
n							-			-			
	I	l	ı	<u> </u>			<u> </u>	Subtotal	1 1				
NON	I-KEY EXPERTS												
N-1			[Home]										
14-1			[Field]										
N-2										-			
												<u> </u>	
								<u> </u>				1	
n													
								Subtotal					
								Total					

- For Key Experts, the input should be indicated individually for the same positions as required under the Data Sheet ITC21.1.
- 2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment/mobilization. 3 "Home" means work in the office in the expert's place of residence. "Field" work means work carried out in the site.



FORM TECH-7

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Position Title and No.	{e.g., K-1, TEAM LEADER}
Name of Firm	Insert name of firm proposing the expert
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Citizenship	

Date of Birth:		day/mor	nth/year}			
Citizenship)					
	Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}					
reverse ord held, type o and location organization	nt record relevant to to the ler. Please provide date of employment (full time of the assignment, and the assignment does not	es, name e, part tim d contact i acted for	of employing organiza re, contractual),types of nformation of previous references. Past em	tion, titles of positions of activities performed clients and employing		
Period	Employing organizate your title/position. Continuous information for reference to the continuous co	ontact	Country	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment		
[e.g., May 2005- present]	[e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to For references: Tel mail; Mr. Bbbbbb, minister]	/e-				
	•					
Membersh	ip in Professional Asso	ociations	and Publications:			
Language	Skills (indicate only lar	nguages	in which you can wor	·k):		
Adequacy	for the Assignment:					
Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant's Team of Experts:			Reference to Prior V that Best Illustrates the Assigned Tasks	Vork/Assignments Capability to Handle		
(List all deliverables/tasks as in TEC in which the Expert will be involved						
-	•	Í				

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

Certification:

- I, the undersigned, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that
- (i) This CV correctly describes my qualifications and experience
- (ii) I am not a current employee of the GoN
- (iii) In the absence of medical incapacity, I will undertake this assignment for the duration and in terms of the inputs specified for me in Form TECH 6 provided team mobilization takes place within the validity of this proposal.
- (iv) I was not part of the team who wrote the terms of reference for this consulting services assignment
- (v) I am not currently debarred by a multilateral development bank (In case of DP funded project]
- (vi) I certify that I have been informed by the firm that it is including my CV in the Proposal for the {name of project and contract}. I confirm that I will be available to carry out the assignment for which my CV has been submitted in accordance with the implementation arrangements and schedule set out in the Proposal.
- (vii) I declare that Corruption Case is not filed against me.

disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.	ribea	nerein	may	iead	το	my	
			Date:				
[Signature of expert]				Day/M	onth	ı/Yeaı	r
			Date:				
[Signature of authorized representative of the firm]			Day/M	onth	n/Year	r
Full name of authorized representative:				_			

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

{Notes to Consultant shown in brackets { } provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Financial Proposals; they should not appear on the Financial Proposals to be submitted.}

Financial Proposal Standard Forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal according to the instructions provided in Section 2.

FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form

FIN-2 Summary of Costs

FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration

FIN-4 Other Expenses, Provisional Sums

FORM FIN-1 FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

To:	[Name and address of Clie	nt]	{Location, Date}
Dear	Sirs:		
			consulting services for [Insert title of Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our
(VAT	unt(s) currency(ies)} {Insert a	imount(s) in words a	ount of {Indicate the corresponding to the and figures}, excluding Value Added Tax hat all amounts shall be the same as in
		expiration of the valid	us subject to the modifications resulting dity period of the Proposal, i.e. before the
		sion of this Proposa	paid by us to an agent or any other party Il and Contract execution, paid if we are
	lame and Address of Agent(s)/Other party	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or Gratuity
gratu		to be paid by us to	ng statement: "No commissions, agents or any other party relating to this n."}
	We understand you are not	t bound to accept an	ny Proposal you receive.
	We remain,		
	Yours sincerely,		
	Authorized Signature {In fu Name and Title of Signator In the capacity of: Address: E-mail:	'У:	

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member/consultant, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.}

FORM FIN-2 SUMMARY OF COSTS

SUMMARY OF COST

S. No.	Item/Description	NRs	Remarks
Α	Remuneration		
В	Other Expenses		
С	Total		
D	VAT @ 13 % of Total		
E	Grand Total		
	SAY		

FORM FIN-3 BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION

S.N.	Particulars	Unit	Quantity	Unit Rate in NRs	Amount in NRs	Remarks
Α	Remuneration					
1	Team Leader	P-months	2.000			
2	Irrigation / Hydraulic Engineer	P-months	1.840			
3	Engineer	P-months	1.670			
4	GIS Expert	P-months	1.340			
5	Sub Engineer / Surveyor	P-months	0.670			
6	AutoCAD Expert	P-months	0.670			
	Sub-Total of A					
В	Other Expenses					
1	Accommodation and Equipment's	L	S			
2	Travel and Transportation	L	S			
3	Stationary, Communication and Equipment Hire Charge	LS				
	Sub-Total of B					
	TOTAL (A+B)					
С	VAT @ 13% of TOTAL (A+B)					
	GRAND TOTAL				_	

Sample Form

Consultant: Country: Assignment: Date:

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges

We hereby confirm that:

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

 [Name of Consultant]

Date

Name: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title:

FORM FIN-4 BREAKDOWN OF OTHER EXPENSES, PROVISIONAL SUMS AND CONTINGENCY

INCLUDED IN FORM FIN 3

Section 5. Eligible Countries

For GoN funded:

For the purpose of National shortlisting: "Nepal";

Section 6. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

It is the GoN's policy to require its implementing agencies, as well as consultants under GoN (or DP) financed contracts, to observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the GoN:

- defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - (i) "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (ii) "fraudulent practice" means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
 - (iii) "coercive practice" means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
 - (iv) "collusive practice" means an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another party.
 - (iv) "obstructive practice" means:
 - (aa)deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a GoN/DP investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the GoN's/DP's inspection and audit rights provided for under Clause GCC 25.2.
- will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities in competing for the contract in question;
- will cancel the consultant's contract if it at any time determines that corrupt or fraudulent practices were engaged in by representatives of the consultant or the Client during the selection process or the execution of that contract;
- will blacklist a consultant for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract
 if it at any time determines that the consultant has engaged in corrupt or
 fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract; and
- e. will have the right to require that, a provision be included requiring consultants to permit the Client to inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.

Section 7. Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference (TOR)

Consulting Services

for

Detailed Feasibility Study of Differents Irrigation Projects in Rajpur Rural Municipality

INTRODUCTION

Background to ToR

Rajpur Rural Municipality has identified the areas to scale the irrigation projects in local level. Its ultimate aim is to provide year round irrigation facilities and increase the irrigable area of the Rural Municipality to higher limits. This giving a primary input in increasing the productivity of the land and providing a major input to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and eventually improve the standard of living of the beneficiary farmers.

The Detail Feasibility Study is the basis for the project implementation and is carried out by a team of experts having engineering, agriculture and socio-economic professionals. This study normally forms the basis of financing by Government. The study assesses the technical feasibility, environment friendly, economical viability and institutional suitability of the project implementation.

Objective of the Study

The overall objective of the study is to formulate technically sound, environmental friendly and economically viable Irrigation Projects to be designed for a design life of more than 15-years and with low maintenance cost. The canal & related structures must harmonize with the surroundings and present a pleasing appearance. The maximum possible use of locally available materials & technology in the feasibility study/design shall be appreciated.

1. General Information of the Projects to be studied

The information regarding Irrigation Projects to be studied in Dang district of Lumbini Province are as follows:

SN	Name and Address of the Project	Туре	Command Area	Canal Length
1.	. Bhaisahawa Irrigation Project, Rajpur-03			
1.				
2.	2 Managesta Ishala Issiantian Design Design Of			
۷.	Mungretha khola Irrigation Project, Rajpur-04	Rehab		
3.	Pasari Khala Irrigation Project Painur 01	Surface/		
э.	Rasari Khola Irrigation Project, Rajpur-01	Rehab		
4.	Laibrawa and Bankatti lift Irrigation Project, Rajpur-07	LIft		

The command area and total length of the main canal may vary during the study.

Scope of Works

The detail survey team shall perform detailed technical, agricultural and social survey along with related works herein to attain the desired objectives. The team shall be responsible for accuracy, interpretation, analysis of all data received and for the

conclusion and recommendations in their report. The mentioned scope of work to be carried by the team shall broadly include but not limited to the following;

a) Desk study

A desk study shall be carried out collecting all the data, maps and information relevant to the project and review of Identification/Pre-feasibility Report for planning of further field survey and investigation works as well as detailed design. There may be several outstanding issues not touched during previous studies, which shall be addressed during detail feasibility study (DFS). The scheme alternatives need to be reviewed in the DFS, which may include the following:

- i) Possibility of alternative water sources.
- ii) Alternative intake site, canal alignment/Revised intake site, canal alignment etc.
- iii) Possibility of command area extension.

b) Field Survey Work

The field survey work may differ slightly based on the type of the scheme whether it is new or rehabilitation. The following are the main activities to be carried out during the field survey work:

- i) Head Work site survey
- ii) Discharge measurement
- iii) Canal alignment survey
- iv) Work Inventory
- v) Command area survey

Head work Site Survey

- ➤ The profile and cross-section shall be taken 200m u/s and d/s of intake location but may change as per site condition. All the cross section and profile of the river must show the river bed level, high flood level mark and bank top levels.
- ➤ Appropriate instrumentation and procedures shall be used for the better performance of work.

Discharge Measurement

The discharge measurement shall be done at the headwork/intake location using an appropriate method.

Canal Alignment Survey

Alignment of the main/secondary/sub secondary canals etc. originating from the Source River/main canal shall be prepared.

The Profile and Cross sections along the alignment of the canal shall be taken at an interval but not limited to 50m. (Cross sections shall be based on actual survey along each cross section rather than interpolation).

Work Inventory

During Detail Survey, work inventory along the canal system shall be prepared, i.e. number of major/minor structures and other physical features etc.

Command area survey

Closed Traverse Survey of the command area indicating Gross Command Area, Culturable Command Area and other important physical features shall be carried out.

Socio-Economic Survey

The socio-economic survey shall be carried out to determine the social structure of the community and its economic status. The survey includes the collection of quantitative and qualitative data and information on social structure, socio-cultural institutions, and economic activities of the farmers of the scheme command area. Some of social and economic indicators of the community are as follows:

Social indicators:

- Social composition-homogeneity, diversity;
- Education- literacy, school and college, awareness about irrigated agriculture, prior experience on irrigation;
- Family size- male/female, economically active members,
- Migration- temporary, permanent, foreign/urban areas;

Economic indicators:

- Land holding size- land less, marginal land holding (< 5 ropani), land lords (> 2 ha);
- Main occupation- agriculture, service, labor, foreign service, business;
- Source of income- agriculture, service, remittance etc;

Agriculture Survey

For Irrigation schemes agricultural survey shall include data and information regarding the soil type, land use and agriculture practices of the command area to be proposed.

The agriculture survey includes the collection of data and information on:

- Existing & Anticipated cropping pattern,
- Existing & Expected crop yields,
- Existing & Proposed inputs and its availability,
- Marketing facility and labor situation
- Food Security
- Accessibility

Existing & Anticipated cropping pattern

An assessment of existing cropping calendar/pattern interacting with beneficiary farmers/nearby Agriculture Service Center/DADO & other related offices shall be made. Based on above interaction, assessment shall also be made for anticipated cropping calendar/pattern.

Existing & Expected crop yields

An assessment of existing & expected crop yields interacting with beneficiary farmers/nearby Agriculture Service Center/DADO & other related offices shall be made.

Existing & Proposed inputs and its availability

An assessment of existing & proposed agriculture inputs interacting with beneficiary farmers/nearby AULL/AKC & other related offices shall be made.

Marketing facility and labor situation

An assessment of market facilities for selling of agriculture products, buying of seeds, fertilizer etc., in case of implementation of the project availability of construction materials shall be made.

Food Security

Assessment of the Food Security Situation of the project area shall be made whether the project area has excess food to supply or shortage to import.

Accessibility

Find the distance of the project area from the nearest road head, cost of construction material at site, district rates for labor, materials & equipment.

Hydrological Analysis

The criteria for the selection of maximum design discharge are based on technical and economic considerations. The major criteria for the selection of design flood are:

- Importance of structure to be constructed,
- Effect of overtopping of the structure,
- Potential loss of life and downstream damage, and
- Cost of the structure

When the recorded hydrological data of the river is absent or too short a regional analysis is adopted to estimate the flood flow, and low flow of required return periods. In this method a hydrological homogeneous region is considered from statistical point of view. There are various methods of estimating flood flow of given return period based on regional analysis.

In Nepal following methods are used to estimate the flood flow:

WECS/DHM (1990) Method- based on regression analysis,

Tahal et al (2002) Method – based on Index Flood Method,

Sharma and Adhikari (2004) – based on regression analysis

In addition, there are rational method and empirical methods such as Modified Dickens method, Ryve's method.

Irrigation Water Requirement & Water Balance

Calculation of Irrigation Water Requirement should follow the steps mentioned in the PDSP revised Planning and Design Manual Volume I or PDSP Design Manual M3 or using appropriate software. Hydrology and Agro-Meterology. Water balance with optimization of water use and irrigation efficiency should be finalized.

Design

Selection of type of head work and design of canal & related structures shall be carried out using standard hydraulic & structural engineering concepts.

Detail Cost - Estimate

Approved District Rates for labor and materials at the project sites shall be collected or analyzed. Detail rate analysis, detail quantity & cost estimates along with bill of quantity (BOQ) shall be prepared.

Economic Analysis & sensitivity tests

Crop Budget with and without Irrigation System shall be prepared and Benefit/Cost Ratio and Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) shall be evaluated; Conclusion and Recommendation shall be made based on economic & other indicators.

Annexes

Annexes shall include details of compiled data, minutes of community meetings, photographs of sites/location (Intake, command area, alignment, community meeting) & other related documents shall be included.

Study team composition: The study team shall consist of the following team members:

SN	Position	Points	Educational Qualification	Lumsum Working Days
1	Team leader		Master Degree with 5 yrs experience	2 months
2	Irrigation Engineer		Bachelor Degree with 5 yrs experience	1.5 month
3	GIS Expert		Bachelor Degree with 3 yrs experience	20 days
4	Sub-Overseer		Diploma in related fild	30 days
5	Computer Operator		Diploma in related fild	1.5 month

Report Preparation

The Draft/Final report must include 3 volumes:-

Volume I- Main report

Volume II- Appendices

Volume III- Drawings

All the drawings should be produced on A3 size sheets.

Study Period and Deliverables

The duration of the study period would be 2 months and the consultant shall submit the following documents within specified time as below:

Deliverables	No. o	of copies	Schedule for submission
Deliverables	Hard copy	Soft copy	Schedule for submission
Draft report	1	1	1 months after the agreement
Final report	3	1	2 months after the agreement

Mode of Payment

The consultant can claim the payment either in a single installment after submission and acceptance of final report or in installment as follows;

- First Installment, 60% of the total amount upon submission and acceptance of draft report;
- Second Installment, 40% of the total amount upon submission and acceptance of final report;

PART II

Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

Foreword

- 1. Part II includes standard Contract forms for Consulting Services (a Lump-Sum Contract).
- 2. Lump-Sum Contract: This type of contract is used mainly for assignments in which the scope and the duration of the Services and the required output of the Consultant are clearly defined. Payments are linked to outputs (deliverables) such as reports, drawings, bill of quantities, bidding documents, or software programs. Lump-sum contracts are easier to administer because they operate on the principle of a fixed price for a fixed scope, and payments are due on clearly specified outputs and milestones. Nevertheless, quality control of the Consultant's outputs by the Client is paramount.

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

Consultant's Services

LUMP-SUM FORM OF CONTRACT

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Preface

- 1. The standard Contract form consists of four parts: the Form of Contract to be signed by the Client and the Consultant, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC); and the Appendices.
- 2. The General Conditions of Contract shall not be modified. The Special Conditions of Contract that contain clauses specific to each Contract intend to supplement, but not over-write or otherwise contradict, the General Conditions.

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES

Lump-Sum

Project Name
Contract No.
between
[Name of the Client]
and
[Name of the Consultant]
Dated:

I.Form of Contract Time-Based

I. Form of Contract

LUMP-SUM

(Text in brackets [] is optional; all notes should be deleted in the final text)

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

[Note: If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: "...(hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture (name of the JV) consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant's obligations under this Contract, namely, [name of member] and [name of member] (hereinafter called the "Consultant").]

WHEREAS

- (a) the Client has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");
- (b) the Consultant, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;
- (c) the Client has received [or has applied for] a loan [or grant or financing] from theDonor Agency: toward the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this [loan/grant/financing] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that (i) payments by the Donor will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Donor; (ii) such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the [loan/grant/financing] agreement, including prohibitions of withdrawal from the [loan/grant/financing] account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Donor, is prohibited by the decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations J; and (iii) no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the [loan/grant/financing] agreement or have any claim to the [loan/grant/financing] proceeds;

[Note: Include Clause (c) only in case of donor-funded projects.]

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:
 - (a) The General Conditions of Contract;
 - (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (c) Appendices: [Note: If any of these Appendices are not used, the words "Not Used" should be inserted next to the title of the Appendix and on the sheet attached hereto carrying the title of that Appendix.]

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

Appendix B: Key Experts

Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price

Appendix D: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee [Use only for donor-

funded project only. Specify "Not Applicable" for GoN funded

projects]

Appendix E: Medical Certificate

Appendix F: Minutes of Negotiation Meetings

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D; Appendix E and Appendix F.

Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

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

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

For and on behalf of [Name of Client]
[Authorized Representative of the Client – name, title and signature]
For and on behalf of [Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]
[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]
[Note: If the Consultants consist of more than one entity, all these entities should appear as signatories, e.g., in the following manner].
For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant
[Name of member]
[Authorized Representative]
[Name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

[add signature blocks for each member]

I.Form of Contract Time-Based

II. General Conditions of Contract

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

- 1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
- (a) "Applicable Guidelines" means the policies of the Development Partner (DP) governing the selection and Contract award process, in case of DP funded project.
- (b) "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Nepal as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (c) "Borrower [or Recipient or Beneficiary]" means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing [or loan/grant/project] agreement with the Development Partner.
- (d) "Client" means [procuring entity/the implementing/ executing] agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
- (e) "Consultant" means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
- (f) "Contract" means the legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and which includes all the attached documents listed in its paragraph 1 of the Form of Contract (the General Conditions (GCC), the Special Conditions (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (g) "Day" means a working day unless indicated otherwise.
- (h) "Development Partner (DP)" means the country/institution funding the project **as specified in the SCC**.
- (i) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
- (j) "Experts" means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (k) "Foreign Currency" means any currency other than the currency of the Client's country.
- (I) "GCC" means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (m) "Government" means the government of Nepal (GoN).
- (n) "Joint Venture (JV)" means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all

businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.

- (o) "Key Expert(s)" means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal.
- (p) "Local Currency" means the currency of Nepal (NPR).
- (q) Non-Key Expert(s)" means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (r) "Party" means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.
- (s) "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (t) "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (u) "Sub-consultants" means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.
- (v) "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

2. Relationship between the Parties

- 2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Subconsultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.
- 3. Law Governing Contract
- 3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law of Nepal.
- 4. Language
- 4.1. This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
- 5. Headings
- 5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
- 6. Communications
- 6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in

the SCC.

- 6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the **SCC**.
- 7. Location
- 7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in **Appendix A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.
- 8. Authority of Member in Charge
- 8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the **SCC** to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.
- 9. Authorized Representatives
- 9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC**.
- 10. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices
- 10.1 The GoN/DP requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent/prohibited practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the GCC.
- a. Commissions and Fees
- 10.2 The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions, gratuities or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the selection process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or the other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions and gratuities may result in termination of the Contract.

B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- 11. Effectiveness of Contract
- 11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Client's notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the **SCC** have been met.
- 12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective
- 12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the **SCC**, either Party may, by not less than thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.
- 13. Commencement of Services
- 13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the **SCC**.
- 14. Expiration of
- 14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof,

Contract

this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as **specified in the SCC** or such other time period as the Parties may agree in writing.

15. Entire Agreement

15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.

16. Modifications or Variations

16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.

17. Force Majeure

a. Definition

- 17.1. For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action, confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.
- 17.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- 17.3. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

b. No Breach of Contract

17.4. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

c. Measures to be Taken

- 17.5. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- 17.6. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.7. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

d Extension of Time (EoT)

- 17.8. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.
- 17.9. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon instructions by the Client, shall either:
- (a) demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Client, in reactivating the Services; or
- (b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.
- 17.10. The Consultant shall submit an application to the Client for extension of time, stating the causes for delay with supporting evidence within 7 days before the expiry of the Contract completion date. The approval of EoT shall be subject to verification by the Client whether:
 - (a) the consultant had made the best possible efforts to complete the work in due time,
 - (b) the facilities to be provided by the Client as per the contract to the Consultant was made in time or not.
 - (c) the delay was as a result of Force Majeure or not.

18. Suspension

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

19. Termination

- 19. 1 This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:
- a. By the Client
- 19.1.1 The Client may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Client shall give at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); and at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e):

- (a) If the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Client may have subsequently approved in writing;
- (b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- (c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 48.1;
- (d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days;
- (e) If the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;
- (f) If the Consultant fails to furnish the professional liability insurance within 30 days from the date of signing of the contract agreement.
- 19.1.2 Furthermore, if the Client determines that the Consultant has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive [or obstructive] practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fifteen (15) calendar days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

b. By the Consultant

- 19.1.3 The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the Client, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.
- (a) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clauses GCC 48.1 within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.
- (b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days.
- (c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 48.1.
- (d) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the

Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach.

c. Cessation of Rights and Obligations

19.1.4 Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 23, (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 26, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

d. Cessation of Services

19.1.5 Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 28 or GCC 29.

e. Payment upon Termination

- 19.1.6 Upon termination of this Contract, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultant:
- (a) payment for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

20. General

a. Standard of Performance

20.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.2 The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry

out the Services.

- 20.3 The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be approved in advance by the Client. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.
- b. Law
 Applicable to
 Services
- 20.4 The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.
- 20.5 Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Client's country when
 - (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, Client's country prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
 - (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Client's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.
- 20.6 The Client shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.
- 21. Conflict of Interests
- 21.1 The Consultant shall hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.
- a. Consultant
 Not to Benefit
 from
 Commissions,
 Discounts, etc.
- 21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 39 through 45) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.
- 21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall comply with any applicable procurement guidelines as per the prevailing Public Procurement Act and Regulations of the GoN(or of the Donors/funding agencies) and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.
- b. Consultant and AffiliatesNot to Engage
- 21.1.3 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants

in Certain Activities

and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

- 21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as its Sub-consultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:
- during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in Nepal which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; and
- b. after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC

d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities

21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Personnel and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the termination of its Contract.

22. Conduct of Consultants

- 22.1 The Consultant shall be responsible to fulfill his obligations as per the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and GoN's Procurement Act and Regulations.
- 22.2 The consultant shall not carry out or cause to carry out the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the contract agreement:
 - (i) give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
 - (ii) distortion or misrepresentation of facts
 - (iii) engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
 - (iv) Interference in participation of other prospective consultants.
 - (v) coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceedings,
 - (vi) collusive practice among consultants before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among consultants or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.
 - (vii)contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to then notification of award of contract

23. Confidentiality

23.1 The Consultants, their Sub-consultants, and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term or

within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary of confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract, or the Client's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Client

24. Liability of the Consultant

24.1 Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the **SCC**, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as determined under the Applicable Law.

25. Insurance to be Taken out by the Consultant

- 25.1 The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the **SCC**, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.
- 25.2 The Consultant shall take out and maintain professional liability insurance within 30 days of signing of the contract agreement.

26. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing

- 26.1 The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services and in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.
- 26.2. The Consultant shall permit and shall cause its Subconsultants to permit, the Client/DP and/or persons appointed by the Client/DP to inspect the Site and/or all accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Proposal to provide the Services, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Client/DP if requested by the Client/DP. The Consultant's attention is drawn to Clause GCC 10 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Client/DP's inspection and audit rights provided for under this Clause GCC26.2 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination.

27. Reporting Obligations

- 27.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 28. Proprietary Rights of the Client in Reports and Records
- 28.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof.

The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.

28.2 If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Client shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the **SCC**.

29. Equipment, Vehicles and Materials

- 29.1 Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Client, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.
- 29.2 Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Client's country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

30. Description of Key Experts

30.1 The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and time-input estimates to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B.**

31. Replacement of Key Experts

- 31.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.
- 31.2 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.

32. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

32.1 If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or shall the Client determine that Consultant's Expert of Sub-consultant have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive [or obstructive] practice while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client's written

request, provide a replacement.

- 32.2 In the event that any of Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client, specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.
- 32.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.
- 32.4 The Consultant shall bear all costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of such Experts.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT

33. Assistance and Exemptions

- 33.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Client shall use its best efforts to:
- (a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.
- (b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.
- (c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.
- (d) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
- (e) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.
- (f) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.
- (g) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the **SCC**.

34. Access to Project Site

34.1 The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.

35. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties

35.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Client's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 39.1.

36. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client

36.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (Appendix A) at the times and in the manner specified in said Appendix A.

37. Counterpart Personnel

37.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Client with the Consultant's advice, if specified in **Appendix A**.

- 37.2 If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Client to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Client and the Consultant shall agree on (i) how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Client to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 39.2
- 37.3 Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Client's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Client shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

38. Payment Obligation

38.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant for the deliverables specified in **Appendix A** and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT

39. Contract Price

39.1 The Contract price is fixed and is set forth in the **SCC.** The

Contract price breakdown is provided in **Appendix C**.

- 39.2 Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause 39.1 can be made only if the Parties have agreed to the revised scope of Services pursuant to Clause GCC 16 and have amended in writing the Terms of Reference in **Appendix A**.
- 40. Taxes and Duties
- 40.1 The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract.
- 41. Currency of Payment
- 41.1 Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency (ies) specified in the **SCC**.
- 42. Mode of Billing and Payment
- 42.1 The total payments under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract price set forth in Clause GCC 39.1.
- 42.2 The payments under this Contract shall be made in lumpsum installments against deliverables specified in **Appendix A**. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the **SCC**.
 - 42.2.1 <u>Advance payment:</u> Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank guarantee acceptable to the Client in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the **SCC**. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set forth in **Appendix D**, or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Client in equal portions against the lump-sum installments specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.
 - 42.2.2 <u>The Lump-Sum Installment Payments.</u> The Client shall pay the Consultant within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of the deliverable(s) and the cover invoice for the related lump-sum installment payment. The payment can be withheld if the Client does not approve the submitted deliverable(s) as satisfactory in which case the Client shall provide comments to the Consultant within the same sixty (60) days period. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.
 - 42.2.3 <u>The Final Payment</u>. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report I have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall then be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client. The last lump-sum installment shall be deemed approved for payment by the Client within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the

foregoing process shall be repeated.

- 42.2.4 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.
- 42.2.5 With the exception of the final payment under 41.2.3 above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the whole Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

43. Retention

- **43.1.** The Client shall retain from each payment due to the Consultant the proportion **stated in the SCC** until Completion of the whole of the Works.
- **43.2.** One half the total amounts retained shall be repaid to the Consultant at the time of the payment of the Final Bill pursuant to GCC Clause 42.2.3 and the remaining half shall be paid to the consultant within 15 days after submission of document issued by the concerned Internal Revenue Office that the consultant has submitted his Income Returns.

44. Interest on Delayed Payments

44.1. If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 42.2.2, interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the SCC.

45. Liquidated Damages

45.1. The Consultant shall pay liquidated damages to the Client at the rate per day stated in the SCC for each day that the completion of services is later than the Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount defined in the SCC. Beyond this limit the contract may be terminated by the Client. The Client may deduct liquidated damages from any payments due to the Consultant. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Consultant's liabilities.

G. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

46. Good Faith

46.1 The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

H. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

47. Amicable Settlement

- 47.1 The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the interpretation thereof.
- 47.2 If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in writing within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fifteen (15) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within fifteen (15) days following the response of that Party, Clause

GCC 48.1 shall apply.

48. Dispute Resolution

48.1 Any dispute between the Parties arising under or related to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement may be referred to by either Party to the adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the provisions specified in the **SCC**.

I. BLACKLISTING

49. Blacklisting

49.1 Without prejudice to any other right of the Client under this Contract, Public Procurement Monitoring Office may blacklist a Consultant for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the consultant.

- a) if it is proved that the consultant committed acts pursuant to GCC 22..2,
 - b) if the Consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Information to Consultants Clause 29.3,
 - c) if it is proved later that the Consultant has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed work is not of the specified quality as per the contract,
 - d) if convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the consultant from participating in the assignment.
 - e) if it is proved that the contract agreement signed by the Consultant was based on false or misrepresentation of consultant's qualification information,
 - f) if the consultant fails to submit the professional liability insurance within the period stipulated in the contract.
- 49.2 A Consultant declared blacklisted and ineligible by the Public procurement Office, and or concerned Donor Agency in case of donor funded project, shall be ineligible to participation the selection process during the period of time determined by the PPMO, and or the concerned donor agency.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract				
6.1 and 6.2	The addresses are:				
	Client: Rajpur Rural Municipality, Gangadi, Dang Attention: CAO Facsimile: E-mail (where permitted): Consultant:				
	Attention : Facsimile : E-mail (where permitted) :				
8.1	[Note: If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state "N/A"; OR If the Consultant is a Joint Venture consisting of more than one entity, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC 6.1 should be inserted here.] The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is [insert name of the member]				
9.1	The Authorized Representatives are:				
	For the Client: CAO				
	For the Consultant: [name, title]				
12.1 Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:					
	The time period shall be two months.				
13.1	Commencement of Services:				
	The number of days shall be 15 days.				
	Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.				
14.1	Expiration of Contract:				
	The time period shall be 6 months.				
21 b.	The Client reserves the right to determine whether the Consultant should be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services due to a conflict of a nature described in Clause GCC 21.1.3				

24.1 No additional provisions.

[OR

"Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client:

- (a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:
 - (i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and
 - (ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (A) the total payments for professional fees and reimbursable expenditures made or expected to be made to the Consultants hereunder, or (B) the proceeds the Consultants may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultants to cover such a liability, whichever of (A) or (B) is higher;

(b) This limitation of liability shall not

- (i) affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services;
- (ii) be construed as providing the Consultant with any limitation or exclusion from liability which is prohibited by the Applicable Law of the Client's country.

25.1 The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:

[Note: Delete what is not applicable except (a)].

- (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of ______ [insert amount and currency which should be not less than the total ceiling amount of the Contract];
- (b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client's country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of [insert amount and currency or state "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country"];
- (c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of [insert amount and currency or state "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country"];
- (d) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client's country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and

	(e) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the Consultant's property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.
28.1	
28.2	[Note: If there is to be no restriction on the future use of these documents by either Party, this Clause SCC 27.2 should be deleted. If the Parties wish to restrict such use, any of the following options, or any other option agreed to by the Parties, could be used:
	[The Consultant shall not use these [insert what appliesdocuments and software] for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client.] OR [The Client shall not use these [insert what appliesdocuments
	and software] for purposes unrelated to this Contract
	without the prior written approval of the Consultant.]
	OR
	[Neither Party shall use these [insert what appliesdocuments
	and software] for purposes unrelated to this Contract
	without the prior written approval of the other Party.]
39.1	The Contract price is: [insert amount and currency for each currency] [indicate: inclusive or exclusive] of Value Added Tax (VAT).
	VAT chargeable in respect of this Contract for the Services provided by the Consultant shall [insert as appropriate: "be paid" or "reimbursed"] by the Client [insert as appropriate: "for" or "to"] the Consultant.
42.2	The payment schedule:
	[Note: Payment of installments shall be linked to the deliverables specified in the Terms of Reference in Appendix A]
	1 st payment: [insert the amount of the installment, percentage of the total Contract price, and the currency. If the first payment is an advance payment, it shall be made against the bank guarantee for the same amount as per GCC 42.2.1]

	2 nd payment:
	Final payment:
	[Note: Total sum of all installments shall not exceed the Contract price set up in SCC39.1.]
42.2.1	Not Applicable
42.2.4	The accounts are:
	for foreign currency: [insert account]. for local currency: [insert account].
43.1	The proportion of payments retained is: No
44.1	The interest rate is:
45.1	The liquidated damage is: 0.05%per day. The maximum amount of liquidated damages is: 10% of the sum stated in the Agreement.
48.	
	(b) Contracts with domestic consultants:
	Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with Nepal Arbitration Act

IV. Appendices

APPENDIX A - TERMS OF REFERENCE

[Note: This Appendix shall include the final Terms of Reference (TORs) worked out by the Client and the Consultant during the negotiations; dates for completion of various tasks; location of performance for different tasks; detailed reporting requirements and list of deliverables against which the payments to the Consultant will be made; Client's input, including counterpart personnel assigned by the Client to work on the Consultant's team; specific tasks or actions that require prior approval by the Client.

Insert the text based on the Section 7 (Terms of Reference) of the ITC in the RFP and modified based on the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 in the Consultant's Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 5 of the RFP]

APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

[Insert a table based on Form TECH-6 of the Consultant's Technical Proposal and finalized at the Contract's negotiations. Attach the CVs (updated and signed by the respective Key Experts) demonstrating the qualifications of Key Experts.]

[Specify Hours of Work for Key Experts: List here the hours of work for Key Experts; travel time to/ from the Client's country; public holidays etc. Make sure there is consistency with Form TECH-6. In particular: one month equals twenty five (25) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than seven (7) working (billable) hours (total 40 hours a week).

APPENDIX C - Breakdown of Contract Price

{Insert the table with the unit rates to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.}

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Model Form I Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract

We hereby confirm that we have agreed to pay to the Experts listed, who will be involved in performing the Services, the basic fees and away from the home office allowances (if applicable) indicated below:

(Expressed in [insert name of currency])*

Ехр	perts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Remuneration rate per Working Month/Day/Yea r	Social Charges	Overhea d ¹	Subtotal	Profit ²	Away from Home Office Allowance	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour
Home	Office								
	ne Client's Intry								

¹ Expressed as percentage of 1

Signature	Date	
Name and Title:		

² Expressed as percentage of 4

^{*} If more than one currency, add a table

APPENDIX E - MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

APPENDIX F - MINUTES OF NEGOTIATION MEETINGS