

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. GENERAL

IB.1 Scope of Bid

- 1.1 The Employer as defined in the Bidding Data hereinafter called “the procuring agency” wishes to receive bids for the construction and completion of works as described in these Bidding Documents, and summarised in the Bidding Data hereinafter referred to as the “Works”.
- 1.2 The successful bidder will be expected to complete the Works within the time specified in Appendix-A to Bid.

IB.2 Source of Funds

- 2.1 The procuring agency has got approved the project under ADP Scheme # 1476-(2017-18) Provincial Govt. of Sindh Shall be funding the project as indicated in the Bidding Data local currency towards the cost of the project specified in the Bidding Data and the funds will be available for payments under the Contract for which these Bidding Documents are issued.

IB.3 Eligible Bidders

- 3.1 This Invitation for Bids is open to bidders who are pre-qualified by the procuring agency for particular Project / Scheme, and under provisions of Sindh Public Procurement Rules as mentioned below and in the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)/ Bidding Document.
 - (c) Bidders:-
 - (i) Pre-qualified with procuring agency for particular Project/Scheme;
 - (ii) Registered with Pakistan Engineering Council in particular category and discipline,
 - (iii) Registered with relevant tax authorities (income/sales tax, wherever applicable)

IB.4 One Bid per Bidder

- 4.1 Each bidder shall submit only one bid either by himself, or as a partner in a joint venture. A bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid (other than alternatives pursuant to Clause IB.16) will be disqualified.

IB.5 Cost of Bidding:

- 5.1 The bidders shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their respective bids and the Employer will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

IB.6 Site Visit:

- 6.1 The bidders are advised to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtain for themselves on their own responsibility all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into a contract for construction of the Works. All cost in this respect shall be at the bidder's own expense.
- 6.2 The bidders and any of their personnel or agents will be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon his premises and lands for the purpose of such inspection, but only upon the express condition that the bidders, their personnel and agents, will release and indemnify the Employer, his personnel and agents from and against all liability in respect thereof and will be responsible for death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property and any other loss, damage, costs and expenses incurred as a result of such inspection.

B. BIDDING DOCUMENTS

IB.7 Contents of Bidding Documents (SSP RULES 21)

- 7.1 The Bidding Documents, in addition to invitation for bids, are those stated below and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with Clause IB.9.
- a. Instructions to Bidders.
 - b. Bidding Data.
 - c. General Conditions of Contract, Part-I (GCC).
 - d. Special Condition of Contract, Part-II (SCC).
 - e. Specifications -.
 - f. Form of Bid & Appendices to Bid.
 - g. Bill of Quantities
 - h. Form of Bid Security.
 - i. Form of Contract Agreement.
 - J. Forms of Performance Security and Mobilization Advance Guarantee, Integrity pact and Indenture Bond for secured advance.
 - k. Drawings.
- 7.2 The bidders are expected to examine carefully the contents of all the above documents. Failure to comply with the requirements of bid submission will be at the Bidder's own risk. Pursuant to Clause IB.26, bids which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents will be rejected.

IB.8 Clarification of Bidding Documents (SSP RULES 21)

- 8.1 Any prospective bidder requiring any clarification (s) in respect of the Bidding Documents may notify the Employer in writing at the Employer's address indicated in the Invitation for Bids. The Employer will respond to any request for clarification which he receives earlier than 7 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids.

- 8.2 Copies of the Employer's response will be forwarded to all purchasers of the Bidding Documents, including a description of the enquiry but without identifying its source.

IB.9 Amendment / Modification of Bidding Documents

- 9.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Employer may, for any reason, whether at his own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder, modify the Bidding Documents by issuing addendum.
- 9.2 Any addendum thus issued shall be part of the Bidding Documents pursuant to Sub-Clause 7.1 hereof and shall be communicated in writing to all purchasers of the Bidding Documents. Prospective bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in writing to the Employer.
- 9.3 To afford prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Employer may extend the deadline for submission of bids in accordance with Clause IB.20

C. PREPARATION OF BIDS

IB.10 Language of Bid

- 10.1 The bid and all correspondence and documents related to the bid exchanged by a bidder and the Employer shall be in the bid language stipulated in the Bidding Data and Particular Conditions of Contract. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the bidders may be in any other language provided the same are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant parts in the bid language, in which case, for purposes of evaluation of the bid, the translation in bid language shall prevail.

IB.11 Documents Accompanying the Bid

- 11.1 Each bidder shall:
- (a) Submit a written power of attorney authorizing the signatory of the bid to act for and on behalf of the bidder;
 - (b) Update the information indicated and listed in the Bidding Data and previously submitted with the application for prequalification, and continues to meet the minimum criteria set out in the prequalification documents which as a minimum, would include the following:
 - (i) Evidence of access to financial resources alongwith average annual Construction turnover;
 - (ii) Financial predictions for the current year and the two following years including the effect of known commitments;
 - (iii) Work commitments since prequalification;

- (iv) Current litigation information; and
 - (v) Availability of critical equipment and
 - (c) furnish a technical proposal taking into account the various Appendices to Bid specially the following:
 - Appendix-E to Bid Proposed Construction Schedule
 - Appendix-F to Bid Method of Performing the Work
 - Appendix-G to Bid List of Major Equipment
 - Appendix-K to Bid Organization Chart for Supervisory Staffand other pertinent information such as mobilization programme etc;
- 11.2 Bids submitted by a joint venture of two (2) or more firms shall comply with the following requirements:
- (a) one of the joint venture partners shall be nominated as being in charge; and this authorization shall be evidenced by submitting a power of attorney signed by legally authorized signatories of all the joint venture partners;
 - (b) the bid and in case of a successful bid, the Form of Contract Agreement shall be signed so as to be legally binding on all partners;
 - (c) the partner-in-charge shall always be duly authorized to deal with the Employer regarding all matters related with and/or incidental to the execution of Works as per the terms and Conditions of Contract and in this regard to incur any and all liabilities, receive instructions, give binding undertakings and receive payments on behalf of the joint venture;
 - (d) all partners of the joint venture shall at all times and under all circumstances be liable jointly and severally for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms and a statement to this effect shall be included in the authorization mentioned under Sub-Para(b) above as well as in the Form of Bid and in the Form of Contract Agreement (in case of a successful bid);
 - (e) a copy of the agreement entered into by the joint venture partners shall be submitted with the bid stating the conditions under which it will function, its period of duration, the persons authorized to represent and obligate it and which persons will be directly responsible for due performance of the Contract and can give valid receipts on behalf of the joint venture, the proportionate participation of the several firms forming the joint venture, and any other information necessary to permit a full appraisal of its functioning. No amendments / modifications whatsoever in the joint venture agreement shall be agreed to between the joint venture partner without prior written consent of the procuring agency
 - (f) submission of an alternative letter of Intent to execute a Joint Venture Agreement shall be mandatory

- 11.3 Bidders shall also submit proposals of work methods and schedule, in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of the Bidders' proposals to meet the technical specifications and the completion time referred to in Sub-Clause 1.2 hereof.

IB.12 Bid Prices

- 12.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Bidding Documents, the Contract shall be for the whole of the Works as described in Sub-Clause 1.1 hereof, based on the unit rates and / or prices submitted by the bidder.
- 12.2 The bidders shall fill in rates and price for all items Works described in the Bill of Quantities. Items against which no rate or price is entered by a bidder will not be paid for by the Employer when executed and shall be deemed covered by rates and prices for other items in the Bill of Quantities.
- 12.3 The bid price submitted by the contractor shall include all rates and price including the taxes. All duties, taxes and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as on the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids shall be included in the rates and prices and the total Bid Price submitted by a bidder.

Additional / reduced duties, taxes and levies due to subsequent additions or changes in legislation shall be reimbursed / deducted as per Sub-Clause 13.7 of the General Conditions of Contract Part-I.

- 12.4 The rates and prices quoted by the bidders are subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract in accordance with the provisions of Clause 13.7 of the Conditions of Contract. The bidders shall furnish the prescribed information for the price adjustment in Appendix-C to Bid, and shall submit with their bids such other supporting information as required under the said Clause. Adjustment in prices quoted by bidders shall be allowed as per Sub-Para 4(ii) of section C of Instructions to bidders and bidding data.

IB.13 Currencies of Bid and Payment

- 13.1 The unit rates and the prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Pak rupees. A bidder expecting to incur expenditures in other currencies for inputs to the Works supplied from outside the Employer's country (referred to as the "Foreign Currency Requirements") shall indicate the same in Appendix-B to Bid. The proportion of the Bid Price (excluding Provisional Sums) needed by him for the payment of such Foreign Currency Requirements either (i) entirely in the currency of the Bidder's home country or, (ii) at the bidder's option, entirely in Pak rupees provided always that a bidder expecting to incur expenditures in a currency or currencies other than those stated in (i) and (ii) above for a portion of the foreign currency requirements, and wishing to be paid accordingly, shall indicate the respective portions in his bid

IB.14 Bid Validity

- 14.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period stipulated in the Bidding Data after the Date of Bid Opening specified in Clause IB.23.
- 14.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original bid validity period, the Employer may request that the bidders extend the period of validity for a specified additional period which shall in no case be more than the original bid validity period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. A bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting his Bid Security. A bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his bid, but will be required to extend the validity of his Bid Security for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Clause IB.15 in all respects.

IB.15 Bid Security

- 15.1 Each bidder shall furnish, as part of his bid, a Bid Security in the amount stipulated in the Bidding Data in Pak Rupees or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
- 15.2 The Bid Security shall be, at the option of the bidder, in the form of Deposit at Call or a Bank Guarantee issued by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan or from a foreign bank duly counter guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan in favour of procuring agency valid for a period 28 days beyond the Bid Validity date.
- 15.3 Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security shall be rejected by the procuring agency as non-responsive.
- 15.4 Bid securities shall be released to the unsuccessful bidders once the contract has been signed with the successful bidder or the validity period has been expired.
- 15.5 The Bid Security of the successful bidder will be returned when the bidder has furnished the required Performance Security and signed the Contract Agreement.
- 15.6 The Bid Security may be forfeited:
- (a) If the bidder withdraws his bid except as provided in Sub-Clause 22.1;
 - (b) If the bidder does not accept the correction of his Bid Price pursuant to Sub-Clause 27.2 hereof; or
 - (c) In the case of successful bidder, if he fails within the specified time limit to:
 - (i) Furnish the required Performance Security; or
 - (ii) Sign the Contract Agreement.

IB.16 Alternate Proposals by Bidder

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IB.17 Pre-Bid Meeting

- 17.1 The Procuring agency may, on his own motion or at the request of any prospective bidder(s), hold a pre-bid meeting to clarify issues and to answer any questions on matters related to the Bidding Documents. The date, time and venue of pre-bid meeting, if convened, is as stipulated in the Bidding Data. All prospective bidders or their authorized representatives shall be invited to attend such a pre-bid meeting at their own expense.
- 17.2 The bidders are requested to submit questions, if any, in writing so as to reach the Employer not later than seven (7) days before the proposed pre-bid meeting.
- 17.3 Minutes of the pre-bid meeting, including the text of the questions raised and the replies given, will be transmitted without delay to all purchasers of the Bidding Documents. Any modification of the Bidding Documents listed in Sub-Clause 7.1 hereof which may become necessary as a result of the pre-bid meeting shall be made by the Employer exclusively through the issue of an Addendum pursuant to Clause IB.9 and not through the minutes of the pre-bid meeting.
- 17.4 Absence at the pre-bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a bidder.

IB.18 Format and Signing of Bid

- 18.1 Bidders are particularly directed that the amount entered on the Form of Bid shall be for performing the Contract strictly in accordance with the Bidding Documents.
- 18.2 All appendices to Bid are to be properly completed and signed.
- 18.3 Alteration is not to be made neither in the Form of Bid nor in the Appendices thereto except in filling up the blanks as directed. If any such alterations be made or if these instructions be not fully complied with, the bid may be rejected.
- 18.4 Each bidder shall prepare by filling out the forms completely and without alterations and shall provide an original along with photocopies as per requirement of procuring agency, specified in the Bidding Data, of the documents comprising the bid as described in Clause IB.7 and clearly mark them "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" as appropriate. In the event of discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail.
- 18.5 The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink (in the case of copies, Photostats are also acceptable) and shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the bidder pursuant to Sub-Clause 11.1(a) hereof. All pages of the bid shall be initialed and stamped by the person or persons signing the bid.
- 18.6 The bid shall contain no alterations, omissions or additions, except to comply with instructions issued by the Employer, or as are necessary to correct errors made by the bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

18.7 Bidders shall indicate in the space provided in the Form of Bid their full and proper postal addresses at which notices may be legally served on them and to which all correspondence in connection with their bids and the Contract is to be sent.

18.8 Bidders should retain a copy of the Bidding Documents as their file copy.

D. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

IB.19 Sealing and Marking of Bids

19.1 Each bidder shall submit his bid as under:

- (a) ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of the Bid shall be separately sealed and put in separate envelopes and marked as such.
- (b) The envelopes containing the ORIGINAL and COPY shall be put in one sealed envelope and addressed / identified as given in Sub- Clause 19.2 hereof.

19.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:

- (a) Be addressed to the Employer at the address provided in the Bidding Data;
- (b) Bear the name and identification number of the contract as defined in the Bidding Data; and
- (c) Provide a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, as specified in the Bidding Data.

19.3 In addition to the identification required in Sub- Clause 19.2 hereof, the inner envelope shall indicate the name and address of the bidder to enable the bid to be returned unopened in case it is declared "late" pursuant to Clause IB.21

19.4 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as above, the Employer will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the Bid.

IB.20 Deadline for Submission of Bids

20.1 (a) Bids must be received by the procuring agency at the address specified no later than the time and date stipulated in the Bidding Data.

- b) Bids with charges payable will not be accepted, nor will arrangements be undertaken to collect the bids from any delivery point other than that specified above. Bidders shall bear all expenses incurred in the preparation and delivery of bids. No claims will be entertained for refund of such expenses.

- (c) Where delivery of a bid is by mail and the bidder wishes to receive an acknowledgment of receipt of such bid, he shall make a request for such acknowledgment in a separate letter attached to but not included in the sealed bid package.
- (d) Upon request, acknowledgment of receipt of bids will be provided to those making delivery in person or by messenger.

20.2 The Employer may, at his discretion, extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an amendment in accordance with Clause IB.9, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

IB.21 Late Bids

- (a) Any bid received by the procuring agency after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed in Clause IB.20 will be returned unopened to such bidder.
- (b) Delays in the mail, delays of person in transit, or delivery of a bid to the wrong office shall not be accepted as an excuse for failure to deliver a bid at the proper place and time. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to determine to submit the bid in time.

IB.22 Modification, Substitution and Withdrawal of Bids

- 22.1 Any bidder may modify, substitute or withdraw his bid after bid submission provided that the modification, substitution or written notice of withdrawal is received by the Employer prior to the deadline for submission of bids.
- 22.2 The modification, substitution, or notice for withdrawal of any bid shall be prepared, sealed, marked and delivered in accordance with the provisions of Clause IB.19 with the outer and inner envelopes additionally marked "MODIFICATION", "SUBSTITUTION" or "WITHDRAWAL" as appropriate.
- 22.3 No bid may be modified by a bidder after the deadline for submission of bids except in accordance with Sub-Clauses 22.1 and 27.2.
- 22.4 Withdrawal of a bid during the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid may result in forfeiture of the Bid Security in pursuance to Clause IB.15.

E. BID OPENING AND EVALUATION

IB.23 Bid Opening

- 23.1 The procuring agency will open the bids, including withdrawals, substitution and modifications made pursuant to Clause IB.22, in the presence of bidders'

representatives who choose to attend, at the time, date and location stipulated in the Bidding Data. The bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.

- 23.2 Envelopes marked "MODIFICATION", "SUBSTITUTION" or "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out first. Bids for which an acceptable notice of withdrawal has been submitted pursuant to Clause IB.22 shall not be opened.
- 23.3 procuring agency shall read aloud the name of the bidder's total Bid Price and price of any Alternate Proposal(s), any discounts, bid modifications, substitution and withdrawals, the presence or absence of Bid Security, and such other details as the procuring agency may consider appropriate, total amount of each bid, and of any alternate bid if they have been requested or permitted, shall be read aloud and record when opened.
- 23.4 procuring agency shall prepare minutes of the bid opening, including the information disclosed to those present in accordance with the Sub-Clause 23.3.

IB.24 Process to be Confidential (SPP Rules 53)

- 24.1 Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bid and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other person not officially concerned with such process before the announcement of bid evaluation report in accordance with the requirements of Rule 45, which states that Procuring agencies shall announce the results of bid evaluation in the form of a report giving reasons for acceptance or rejection of bids. The report shall be hoisted on website of authority and that of procuring agency if it website exists and intimated to all bidders at least three (3) days prior to the award of contract. The announcement to all bidders will include table(s) comprising read out prices, discounted prices, price adjustments made, final evaluated prices and recommendations against all the bids evaluated. Any effort by a bidder to influence the procuring agency's processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of such bidder's bid. Whereas, any bidder feeling aggrieved, may lodge a written complaint as per Rule 31; however mere fact of lodging a complaint shall not warrant suspension of the procurement process.

IB.25 Clarification of Bids (SPP Rules 43)

- 25.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, the Employer may, at his discretion, ask any bidder for clarification of his bid, including breakdowns of unit rates. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing but no change in the price or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Employer in the evaluation of the bids in accordance with Clause IB.28.

IB.26 Examination of Bids and Determination of Responsiveness

- 26.1 Prior to the detailed evaluation of bids, the procuring agency will determine whether the bidder fulfills all codal requirements of eligibility criteria given in the tender notice such as registration with tax authorities, registration with PEC (where applicable), turnover statement, experience statement, and any other condition mentioned in the NIT and bidding document. If the bidder does not fulfill any of these conditions, it shall not be evaluated further.
- 26.2 Once found to be fulfilling the eligibility criteria, as mentioned in sub- clause 26.1, the bids of eligible bidders will be evaluated for technical responsiveness as per specification and criteria given in the bidding documents. Technical and financial evaluations may be carried out in accordance with single stage-single one envelope, single stage-two envelopes, two stage or two stage-two envelopes bidding procedures, (18) depending on the selection procedure adopted by the procuring agency..
- 26.3 A bid will be considered technically responsive if it (i) has been properly signed; (ii) is accompanied by the required bid security; and (iii) conforms to all the terms, conditions and specifications of the bidding documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one (i) which affect in any substantial way the scope, quality or performance of the works; (ii) which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, the procuring agency's rights or the bidder's obligations under the contract; or (iii) adoption/rectification whereof would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 26.4 If a bid has major deviations to the commercial requirements and technical specifications will be considered technically non responsive. As a general rule, major deviations are those that if accepted, would not fulfil the purposes for which the bid is requested, or would prevent a fair comparison or affect the ranking of the bids that are compliant with the bidding documents.

(A). Major (material) Deviations include:-

- (i) has been not properly signed;
- (ii) is not accompanied by the bid security of required amount and manner;
- (iii) stipulating price adjustment when fixed price bids were called for;
- (iv) failing to respond to specifications;
- (v) failing to comply with Mile-stones/Critical dates provided in Bidding Documents;
- (vi) sub-contracting contrary to the Conditions of Contract specified in Bidding Documents;
- (vii) refusing to bear important responsibilities and liabilities allocated in the Bidding Documents, such as performance guarantees and insurance coverage;
- (viii) taking exception to critical provisions such as applicable law, taxes and duties and dispute resolution procedures;
- (ix) a material deviation or reservation is one:

- (a) which affect in any substantial way the scope, quality or performance of the works;
- (b) adoption/rectification whereof would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

(B) Minor Deviations

Bids that offer deviations acceptable to the Procuring Agency and which can be assigned a monetary value may be considered substantially responsive at least as to the issue of fairness. This value would however be added as an adjustment for evaluation purposes only during the detailed evaluation process.

- 26.5 If a bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the procuring agency, and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.

IB.27 Correction of Errors

- 27.1 Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked by the Employer for any arithmetic errors. Errors will be corrected by the Employer as follows:

- (a) Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will govern; and
- (b) Where there is a discrepancy between the unit rate and the line item total resulting from multiplying the unit rate by the quantity, the unit rate as quoted will govern, unless in the opinion of the Employer there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the unit rate, in which case the line item total as quoted will govern and the unit rate will be corrected.

- 27.2 The amount stated in the Form of Bid will be adjusted by the Employer in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and with the concurrence of the bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the bidder. If the bidder does not accept the corrected Bid Price, his Bid will be rejected, and the Bid Security shall be forfeited in accordance with Sub- Clause 15.6(b) hereof.

IB.28 Financial Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 28.1 The Employer will evaluate and compare only the Bids determined to be substantially responsive in accordance with Clause IB.26.

- 28.2 In evaluating the Bids, the Employer will determine for each Bid the evaluated Bid Price by adjusting the Bid Price as follows:

- (a) Making any correction for errors pursuant to Clause IB.27;
- (b) excluding Provisional Sums if any, for contingencies in the Summary Bill of Quantities, but including competitively priced Day work; and

- (c) Making an appropriate adjustment for any other acceptable variation or deviation.
- 28.3 The estimated effect of the price adjustment provisions of the Conditions of Contract, applied over the period of execution of the Contract, shall not be taken into account in Bid evaluation.
- 28.4 If the Bid of the successful bidder is seriously unbalanced in relation to the Employer's estimate of the cost of work to be performed under the Contract, the procure agency may require the bidder to produce detailed price analyses for any or all items of the Bill of Quantities to demonstrate the internal consistency of those prices with the construction methods and schedule proposed. After evaluation of the price analyses, the Employer may require that the amount of the Performance Security set forth in Clause IB.32 be increased at the expense of the successful bidder to a level sufficient to protect the Employer against financial loss in the event of default of the successful bidder under the Contract.
- 28.5 Bidders may be excluded if involved in **"Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices"** means either one or any combination of the practices given below SPP Rule2 (q);
- (i) **"Coercive Practice"** means any impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence the actions of a party to achieve a wrongful gain or to cause a wrongful loss to another party;
 - (ii) **"Collusive Practice"** means any arrangement between two or more parties to the procurement process or contract execution, designed to achieve with or without the knowledge of the procuring agency to establish prices at artificial, non competitive levels for any wrongful gain;
 - (iii) **"Corrupt Practice"** means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the acts of another party for wrongful gain;
 - (iv) **"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;
 - (v) **"Obstructive Practice"** means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract or deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements before investigators in order to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or acts intended to materially impede the exercise of inspection and audit rights provided for under the Rules.

28.6 Evaluation Report (SPP Rule 45)

After the completion of evaluation process, as described in clauses IB 27 and IB 28, the procuring agency shall announce the results of bid evaluation in the form of report (available on the website of the authority) giving reasons for acceptance and rejection of bid. The report shall be hoisted on website of the authority and that of procuring agencies if its website exists and intimated to all bidders at least three (3) days prior to the award of contract.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

IB.29 Award (SPP 49)

29.1 Subject to Clauses IB.30 and IB.34 and provision of rules: the Employer will award the Contract to the bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents and who has offered the lowest evaluated Bid Price but not necessarily the lowest submitted price, within the original or extended period of bid validity. Provided that such bidder has been determined to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Clause IB.3 and qualify pursuant to Sub-Clause IB 29.2.

29.2 The Employer, at any stage of the bid evaluation, having credible reasons for or *prima facie* evidence of any defect in contractor's capacities, may require the contractors to provide information concerning their professional, technical, financial, legal or managerial competence whether already pre-qualified or not for the said project:

Provided that such qualification shall only be laid down after recording reasons therefor in writing. They shall form part of the records of that bid evaluation report.

IB.30 Procuring Agency's Right to reject all Bids or Annul/Cancellation the Bidding Process (SPP Rule 25)

Notwithstanding clause IB 29 and provision of the rule: (1) A procuring agency reserves may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal; (2) The procuring agency shall incur no liability towards bidders solely by virtue of its invoking sub-rule (1); (3) Intimation of the cancellation of bidding process shall be given promptly to all bidders and bid security shall be returned along with such intimation; (4) The procuring agency shall, upon request by any of the bidders, communicate to such bidder, grounds for cancellation of the bidding process, but is not required to justify such grounds.

IB.31 Notification /Publication of the Award of Contract (SSP Rules)

31.1 Prior to expiry of the period of bid validity, including extension, prescribed by the procuring agency, the procuring agency shall notify the successful bidder in writing ("Letter of Acceptance") that his bid has been accepted. This letter shall mention the sum which the procuring agency will pay to the contractor in

consideration of the execution and completion of the works by the contractor as prescribed by the contract (hereinafter and in the conditions of contract called the "Contract Price").

- 31.2 No negotiation with the bidder having evaluated as lowest responsive or any other bidder shall be permitted, however, procuring agency may hold meetings to clarify any item in the bid evaluation report.
- 31.3 The notification of award and its acceptance by the bidder will constitute the formation of the contract, binding the procuring agency and the bidder till signing of the formal Contract Agreement.
- 31.4 Upon furnishing by the successful bidder of a Performance Security and signing of the contract, the procuring agency will promptly notify the name of the successful bidder to all bidders and return their bid securities accordingly.
- 31.5 Within seven days of the award of contract, procuring agency shall publish on the website of the Authority and on its own website, if such a website exists, the results of the bidding process, identify the bid through procurement identifying numbers, and the following information:
 - (1) Evaluation Report;
 - (2) Form of Contract and letter of Award;
 - (3) Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement.
- 31.6 De briefing (SPP Rule 51).
 - (a) A bidder may ask the procuring agency for reasons for non acceptance of his bid and may request for a debriefing meeting and procuring agency shall give him the reasons for such non acceptance, either in writing or by holding a debriefing meeting with such a bidder.
 - (b) The requesting bidder shall bear all the costs of attending such a debriefing.

IB.32 Performance Security (SPP Rule 39)

- 32.1 The successful bidder shall furnish to the Employer a Performance Security in the form of pay order or demand draft or bank guarantee, and the amount stipulated in the Bidding Data and the Conditions of Contract within a period of 14 days after the receipt of Letter of Acceptance.
- 32.2 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of Sub-Clause IB.32.1 or Clauses IB.33 or IB.35 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security.
- 32.3 Validity of performance security shall extend at least ninety days beyond the date of completion of contract, or as mentioned in the bidding data to cover defects

liability period or maintenance period subject to final acceptance by the procuring agency.

IB.33 Signing of Contract Agreement

- 33.1 Within 14 days from the date of furnishing of acceptable Performance Security under the Conditions of Contract, the Employer will send the successful bidder the Contract Agreement in the form provided in the Bidding Documents, incorporating all agreements between the parties.
- 33.2 The formal Agreement between the Employer and the successful bidder shall be executed within 14 days of the receipt of the Contract Agreement by the successful bidder from the Employer.
- 33.4 Stamp Duty.

The formal agreement between the Employer and the successful bidder shall be duly stamped at the rate of% of the bid Price (updated from time to time) stated in letter of acceptance.

IB.34 General Performance of the Bidders

Procuring agency may in case of consistent poor performance of the contractor and his failure to remedy the underperforming contract may take such action as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances of the case including the rescinding the contract and/or black listing of such contractor and debarring him from participation in future bidding process.

IB.35 Integrity Pact (SPP Rule 89)

The bidder shall sign and stamp the Integrity Pact provided at Appendix-L to the bidding documents for all Provincial/Local Government procurement contracts exceeding Rupees ten million. Failure to provide such Integrity Pact shall make the bidder non-responsive.

IB.36 Instructions not Part of Contract

Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with these Instructions which are provided to assist bidders in preparing their bids, and do not constitute part of the bid or the Contract Documents.

IB.37 Arbitration (SPP Rule 34)

Any dispute that is not amicably resolved shall be finally settled, unless otherwise specified in the Contract, under the Arbitration Act 1940 updated from time to time and would be held anywhere in the Province of Sindh at the discretion of procuring agency.