

to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;

- (d) Performance Security;
- (e) Notice of Award of Contract; and
- (f) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or specified in the **BDS**.

### 33. Performance Security

33.1. To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning Bidder of its obligations under the contract, it shall post a performance security within a maximum period of ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity and in no case later than the signing of the contract.

33.2. The Performance Security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity in an amount not less than the percentage of the total contract price in accordance with the following schedule:

| Form of Performance Security  | Amount of Performance Security<br>(Not less than the Percentage of the<br>Total Contract Price) |
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| <p>(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.</p> <p><i>For biddings conducted by the LGUs, the Cashier's/Manager's Check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i></p>  |   |
| <p>(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.</p> <p><i>For biddings conducted by the LGUs, the Bank Draft/Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such</i></p> | <p>Five percent (5%)</p>  |

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| <i>financial instrument.</i>  |                      |
| (c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security. | Thirty percent (30%) |

33.3. Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the above-mentioned requirement shall constitute sufficient ground for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security, in which event the Procuring Entity shall have a fresh period to initiate and complete the post qualification of the second Lowest Calculated Bid. The procedure shall be repeated until the LCRB is identified and selected for recommendation of contract award. However if no Bidder passed post-qualification, the BAC shall declare the bidding a failure and conduct a re-bidding with re-advertisement, if necessary.

**34. Notice to Proceed**

Within seven (7) calendar days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate government approving authority, the Procuring Entity shall issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP) together with a copy or copies of the approved contract to the successful Bidder. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Bidder.

**35. Protest Mechanism**

Decisions of the procuring entity at any stage of the procurement process may be questioned in accordance with Section 55 of the IRR of RA 9184.

***Section III. Bid Data Sheet***

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## BID DATA SHEET

| ITB Clause |  |
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| 1.1        | <p>The Procuring Entity is</p> <p><b>BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>The name of the Contract is <b>RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SIX (6) MONOCHROME AND TEN (10) COLOR MULTI-FUNCTION COPY MACHINES FOR 2017</b></p>   |
| 1.2        | <p>The lot(s) and reference is/are:</p> <p><b>ONE (1) YEAR RENTAL OF SIX (6) MONOCHROME AND TEN (10) COLOR MULTI-FUNCTION COPY MACHINES FOR 2017</b></p>   |
| <u>2</u>   | <p>The Funding Source is:</p> <p>The Government of the Philippines (GOP) through BCDA's 2017 Corporate Budget.</p> <p>The name of the Project is: <b>RENTAL OF SIX (6) MONOCHROME AND TEN (10) COLOR MULTI-FUNCTION COPY MACHINES FOR 2017</b></p>   |
| 3.1        | No further instructions.   |
| 5.1        | No further instructions.   |
| 5.2        | Foreign bidders, except those falling under <b>ITB</b> Clause 5.2(b), may not participate in this Project.   |
| 5.4        | <p>a) The Bidder must have completed, within the period specified in the Invitation to Bid and <b>ITB</b> Clause 12.1(a)(ii), a single contract that is similar to this Project, equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC OR at least two (2) similar contracts, the aggregate amount of which should be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, with the largest of these similar contracts equivalent to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the ABC.</p> <p>Similar Contracts shall refer to contracts involving rental of photocopying machines.</p> |
| 7          | No further instructions.   |
| 8.1        | Subcontracting is <b>NOT</b> allowed.  |

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| 8.2         | Not applicable.   |
| 9.1         | The Procuring Entity will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on <b>03 May 2017</b> at <b>09:00 AM</b> at the <b>BCDA Corporate Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Technology Center, 31<sup>st</sup> Street corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City</b><br>City   |
| 10.1        | The Procuring Entity's address is:<br><br>BACG Secretariat<br>BCDA Bids and Awards Committee for Goods<br><br>BCDA Corporate Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Technology Center, 31 <sup>st</sup> Street corner 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City<br>Tel No.: (02) 575-1700 / Fax No. (02) 816-0996<br>www.bceda.gov.ph |
| 12.1 (a)    | No further instructions.  |
| 12.1(a)(ii) | The bidder's SLCC similar to the contract to be bid should have been completed within <b>Three (3)</b> years (April 2014 to April 2017) prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.   |
| 13.1        | 1. The financial component of the bid shall contain the Financial Bid Form in the format as provided in <b>Section IX, Bidding Forms</b> .<br>2. Ranking of financial bids shall be based on the bidders "Grand Bid Amount".  |
| 13.1(b)     | No further instructions.  |
| 13.1(c)     | No additional requirements.   |
| 13.2        | The ABC is <b>Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,400,00.00)</b> . Any bid exceeding this amount shall not be accepted.   |
| 15.4(a)(iv) | No incidental services are required.  |
| 15.4(b)     | Not applicable.   |
| 16.1(b)     | The Bid prices for Goods supplied from outside of the Philippines shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos.  |
| 16.3        | <i>Maintain the ITB Clause and state here "Not applicable" or if procurement involves a foreign-denominated bid, state "Payment shall be made in [insert currency]."</i>  |
| 17.1        | Bids will be valid until <b>one hundred twenty (120) days</b> from the date of bid opening.   |

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| <p><b>18.1</b></p> | <p>The bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, or any of the following forms and amounts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The amount of not less than <b>Forty-Eight Thousand Pesos (Php48,000.00), 2% of ABC</b>, if bid security is in cash, cashier's/manager's check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit; or</li> <li>2. The amount of not less than <b>One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php120,000.00), 5% of ABC</b>, if bid security is in Surety Bond.</li> </ol>   |
| <p><b>18.2</b></p> | <p>The bid security shall be valid until <b>one hundred twenty (120) days</b> from the date of bid opening.</p>  |
| <p><b>20.3</b></p> | <p>Each Bidder shall submit <b>One (1) ORIGINAL</b> and <b>One (1) COPY</b> of the first and second components of its bid.</p>   |
| <p><b>20.4</b></p> | <p>There shall be two (2) big envelopes – the Original and the Copy. Inside each of the two (2) big envelopes are two (2) small envelopes – Eligibility Documents and Financial Proposals, to be <b>MARKED</b> as follows:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>1.1. BIG Envelope</b>    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“ORIGINAL BID”</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>1.1.1 Small    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“ORIGINAL Eligibility Documents”</b><br/>Envelope</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>1.1.2 Small    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“ORIGINAL Financial Proposal”</b><br/>Envelope</p> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>1.2 BIG Envelope</b>    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“COPY of BID”</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>1.2.1 Small    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“COPY of Eligibility Documents”</b><br/>Envelope</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>1.2.2 Small    <u>Mark as</u> <b>“COPY of Financial Proposal”</b><br/>Envelope</p> </div> </div> |

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|                       | <p><b>2. SAMPLE COVER OF ENVELOPES:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">(ORIGINAL or COPY )<br/>ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS</p> <p>THE CHAIRPERSON<br/>BAC FOR GOODS</p> <p>BIDDING FOR <i>(Name of Goods or Services)</i></p> <p>BIDDER'S COMPANY NAME (All CAPS): _____</p> <p>ADDRESS (All CAPS): _____</p> <p>TEL. NOS. _____ FAX NOS. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“DO NOT OPEN BEFORE (SPECIFY THE DATE/TIME OF<br/>OPENING OF BIDS)”</b></p> </div> |
| <p><b>21</b></p>      | <p>Bidders shall submit their bids at the</p> <p><b>Central Receiving and Releasing Area (CRRA)<br/>BCDA Corporate Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Technology Center,<br/>31<sup>st</sup> Street corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City</b></p> <p>The deadline for submission of bids is on <b>19 May 2017 at 01:00 PM</b></p>  |
| <p><b>24.1</b></p>    | <p>The place of bid opening is</p> <p><b>BCDA Corporate Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Technology Center, 31<sup>st</sup><br/>Street corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City</b></p> <p>The date and time of bid opening is on <b>19 May 2017 at 02:00 PM</b></p>  |
| <p><b>24.2</b></p>    | <p>No further instructions.</p>   |
| <p><b>24.3</b></p>    | <p>No further instructions.</p>   |
| <p><b>27.1</b></p>    | <p>No further instructions.</p>   |
| <p><b>28.3(a)</b></p> | <p>Partial bid is <b>NOT</b> allowed.</p>   |
| <p><b>28.4</b></p>    | <p>No further instructions.</p>   |
| <p><b>29.2</b></p>    | <p>During Post-Qualification,</p> <p>1. Bidders shall submit the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Income and Business Tax Returns</p> <p>NOTE: The latest income and business tax returns are those within the<br/><u>last six (6) months preceding the date of bid submission.</u></p>   |

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|                | <p>2. Based on Sec. 29.3 of the ITB, BCDA reserves the right to inquire or secure a certification or any form of document from the bidders' clients attesting whether the bidder has rendered a satisfactory or non-satisfactory performance of their contracts.</p> <p>3. Machines shall be tested to assess its functionalities against machine specifications as reflected in the TOR.</p> |
| <b>32.4(f)</b> | No additional requirement.  |

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## ***Section IV. General Conditions of Contract***

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## 1. Definitions

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

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

- (n) “Verified Report” refers to the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the HoPE setting forth its findings as to the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

## **2. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices**

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

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

administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or

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

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

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

### **3. Inspection and Audit by the Funding Source**

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

### **4. Governing Law and Language**

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

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

### **5. Notices**

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

SCC, which shall be effective when delivered and duly received or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.

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

## 6. Scope of Contract

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

## 7. Subcontracting

- 7.1. Subcontracting of any portion of the Goods, if allowed in the BDS, does not relieve the Supplier of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Supplier will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subcontractor, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Supplier's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.
- 7.2. If subcontracting is allowed, the Supplier may identify its subcontractor during contract implementation. Subcontractors disclosed and identified during the bidding may be changed during the implementation of this Contract. In either case, subcontractors must submit the documentary requirements under ITB Clause 12 and comply with the eligibility criteria specified in the BDS. In the event that any subcontractor is found by the Procuring Entity to be ineligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Goods shall be disallowed.

## 8. Procuring Entity's Responsibilities

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

## 9. Prices

- 9.1. For the given scope of work in this Contract as awarded, all bid prices are considered fixed prices, and therefore not subject to price escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances and upon

prior approval of the GPPB in accordance with Section 61 of R.A. 9184 and its IRR or except as provided in this Clause.

- 9.2. Prices charged by the Supplier for Goods delivered and/or services performed under this Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid, with the exception of any change in price resulting from a Change Order issued in accordance with **GCC** Clause 29.

## **10. Payment**

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

## **11. Advance Payment and Terms of Payment**

- 11.1. Advance payment shall be made only after prior approval of the President, and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract amount, unless otherwise directed by the President or in cases allowed under Annex "D" of RA 9184.
- 11.2. All progress payments shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted.
- 11.3. For Goods supplied from abroad, unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the terms of payment shall be as follows:



- (a) On Contract Signature: Fifteen Percent (15%) of the Contract Price shall be paid within sixty (60) days from signing of the Contract and upon submission of a claim and a bank guarantee for the equivalent amount valid until the Goods are delivered and in the form provided in Section VIII. Bidding Forms.
- (b) On Delivery: Sixty-five percent (65%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of the Goods and upon submission of the documents (i) through (vi) specified in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.
- (c) On Acceptance: The remaining twenty percent (20%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of submission of the acceptance and inspection certificate for the respective delivery issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative. In the event that no inspection or acceptance certificate is issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative within forty five (45) days of the date shown on the delivery receipt, the Supplier shall have the right to claim payment of the remaining twenty percent (20%) subject to the Procuring Entity's own verification of the reason(s) for the failure to issue documents (vii) and (viii) as described in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.

## **12. Taxes and Duties**

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

## **13. Performance Security**

- 13.1. Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the contract by both parties, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the **ITB** Clause 33.2.
- 13.2. The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.
- 13.3. The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 13.4. The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Supplier after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) There are no pending claims against the Supplier or the surety company filed by the Procuring Entity;

- (b) The Supplier has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
- (c) Other terms specified in the SCC.

13.5. In case of a reduction of the contract value, the Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security, provided that any such reduction is more than ten percent (10%) and that the aggregate of such reductions is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the original performance security.

#### **14. Use of Contract Documents and Information**

- 14.1. The Supplier shall not, except for purposes of performing the obligations in this Contract, without the Procuring Entity's prior written consent, disclose this Contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Procuring Entity. Any such disclosure shall be made in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 14.2. Any document, other than this Contract itself, enumerated in GCC Clause 14.1 shall remain the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be returned (all copies) to the Procuring Entity on completion of the Supplier's performance under this Contract if so required by the Procuring Entity.

#### **15. Standards**

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

#### **16. Inspection and Tests**

- 16.1. The Procuring Entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Entity. The SCC and Section VII. Technical Specifications shall specify what inspections and/or tests the Procuring Entity requires and where they are to be conducted. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Supplier in writing, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.
- 16.2. If applicable, the inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Procuring Entity. The Supplier shall provide the Procuring Entity with results of such inspections and tests.

- 16.3. The Procuring Entity or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in this Clause provided that the Procuring Entity shall bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses.
- 16.4. The Procuring Entity may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Procuring Entity, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Procuring Entity, upon giving a notice pursuant to **GCC** Clause 5.
- 16.5. The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Procuring Entity or its representative, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under this Contract.

## **17. Warranty**

- 17.1. The Supplier warrants that the Goods supplied under the Contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials, except when the technical specifications required by the Procuring Entity provides otherwise.
- 17.2. The Supplier further warrants that all Goods supplied under this Contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship or from any act or omission of the Supplier that may develop under normal use of the supplied Goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 17.3. In order to assure that manufacturing defects shall be corrected by the Supplier, a warranty shall be required from the Supplier for a minimum period specified in the **SCC**. The obligation for the warranty shall be covered by, at the Supplier's option, either retention money in an amount equivalent to at least one percent (1%) of every progress payment, or a special bank guarantee equivalent to at least one percent (1%) of the total Contract Price or other such amount if so specified in the **SCC**. The said amounts shall only be released after the lapse of the warranty period specified in the **SCC**; provided, however, that the Supplies delivered are free from patent and latent defects and all the conditions imposed under this Contract have been fully met.
- 17.4. The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the **SCC** and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, without cost to the Procuring Entity.
- 17.5. If the Supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in **GCC** Clause 17.4, the Procuring Entity may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Entity

may have against the Supplier under the Contract and under the applicable law.

## **18. Delays in the Supplier's Performance**

- 18.1. Delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Procuring Entity in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
- 18.2. If at any time during the performance of this Contract, the Supplier or its Subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, and upon causes provided for under GCC Clause 22, the Procuring Entity shall evaluate the situation and may extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of Contract.
- 18.3. Except as provided under GCC Clause 22, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 19, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 29 without the application of liquidated damages.

## **19. Liquidated Damages**

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

## **20. Settlement of Disputes**

- 20.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier in connection with or arising out of this Contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 20.2. If after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Procuring Entity or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given.

- 20.3. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under this Contract.
- 20.4. In the case of a dispute between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Republic Act 9285 (“R.A. 9285”), otherwise known as the “Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.”
- 20.5. Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and the Procuring Entity shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier.

## **21. Liability of the Supplier**

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

## **22. Force Majeure**

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

## **23. Termination for Default**

- 23.1. The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract for default when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:
- (a) Outside of *force majeure*, the Supplier fails to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Supplier prior to the delay, and such failure amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price;
  - (b) As a result of *force majeure*, the Supplier is unable to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods, amounting to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price, for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased; or
  - (c) The Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.
- 23.2. In the event the Procuring Entity terminates this Contract in whole or in part, for any of the reasons provided under GCC Clauses 23 to 26, the Procuring Entity may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Services similar to those undelivered, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Procuring Entity for any excess costs for such similar Goods or Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3. In case the delay in the delivery of the Goods and/or performance of the Services exceeds a time duration equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the specified contract time plus any time extension duly granted to the Supplier, the Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, forfeit the Supplier's performance security and award the same to a qualified Supplier.

## **24. Termination for Insolvency**

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

## **25. Termination for Convenience**

- 25.1. The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The HoPE may terminate a contract for the convenience of the Government if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and national government policies.
- 25.2. The Goods that have been delivered and/or performed or are ready for delivery or performance within thirty (30) calendar days after the Supplier's receipt of