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Section 4: Proposal Submission Form[[1]](#footnote-2)

*This form must be returned along with the submission signed and stamped by an authorised person.*

To: IRENA, Chief Procurement Officer

 [Insert IRENA address as indicated in the Data Sheet]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to provide professional services as described in your Request for Proposal dated [date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal sealed under separate sealed envelopes.

We hereby declare that:

a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misrepresentation may lead to our disqualification.

b) We are currently not on any United Nations sanctions list;

c) We have no outstanding bankruptcy proceedings or pending litigation or legal action that could impair our operation as a going concern;

d) We do not employ or otherwise engage, nor anticipate employing or engaging during the performance of the services required under the RFP any person who is or was recently employed by IRENA.

 We confirm that we have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities required of us in this RFP and the General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services of IRENA.

We agree to abide by this Proposal for [insert Proposal validity period as indicated in the Data Sheet] days.

We fully understand and recognise that IRENA is not bound to accept this Proposal, that we shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission, and that IRENA will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the evaluation.

 Yours sincerely,

Authorised Signature [*In full and initials*]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Contact Details:

[Please mark this with your corporate seal, if available.]

Section 5: Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

Proposer Information Form[[2]](#footnote-3)

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year] of Proposal Submission*]

RFP no.: *[insert number]*

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| 1. Proposer’s legal name: *[insert Proposer’s legal name]* |
| 2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), legal name of each party: *[insert legal name of each party in JV]* |
| 3. Actual or intended Country/ies of registration/operation: *[insert actual or intended Country of registration]* |
| 4. Year of registration: *[insert Proposer’s year of registration]* |
| 5. Countries of operation: | 6. No. of staff in each Country: | 7. Years of operation in each Country: |
| 8. Legal address/es in Country/ies of registration/operation: *[insert Proposer’s legal address in country of registration]* |
| 9. Value and description of top three (3) biggest contracts for the past five (5) years: |
| 10. Latest credit rating (if any):  |
| 1. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved:
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| 12. Proposer’s authorised representative information Name: *[insert authorised representative’s name]* Address: *[insert authorised representative’s name]* Telephone/Fax numbers: *[insert authorised representative’s name]* Email address: *[insert authorised representative’s name]* |
| 13. Attached are copies of original documents of: [ ]  All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet[ ]  If Joint Venture/Consortium – copy of the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement or Letter of Intent to form a JV/Consortium, or Registration of JV/Consortium, if registered[ ]  If case of Government corporation or Government-owned/controlled entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law. |

**Joint Venture Partner Information Form (if registered)[[3]](#footnote-4)**

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year) of Proposal Submission*]

RFP No.: *[insert number]*

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| 1. Proposer’s legal name: *[insert Proposer’s legal name]* |
| 2. JV’s party legal name: *[insert JV’s Party legal name]* |
| 3. JV’s party Country of registration: *[insert JV’s Party country of registration]* |
| 4. Year of registration: *[insert Party’s year of registration]* |
| 5. Countries of operation: | 6. No. of staff in each Country: | 7.Years of operation in each Country: |
| 8. Legal address/es in Country/ies of registration/operation: *[insert Party’s legal address in country of registration]* |
| 9. Value and description of top three (3) biggest contracts for the past five (5) years: |
| 10. Latest credit rating (if any):  |
| 1. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved:
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| 13. JV’s party authorised representative informationName: *[insert name of JV’s party authorised representative]*Address: *[insert address of JV’s party authorised representative]*Telephone/fax numbers: *[insert telephone/fax numbers of JV’s Party authorised representative]*Email Address: *[insert email address of JV’s Party authorised representative]* |
| 14. Attached are copies of original documents of:*[check the box(es) of the attached original documents]*[ ]  All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet[ ]  Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 2.[ ]  In case of government-owned entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law. |

Section 6: Technical Proposal Form

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| **TECHNICAL PROPOSAL****[INSERT TITLE OF THE SERVICES]** |

***Note: Technical Proposals not submitted in this format may be rejected. The financial proposal should be included in a separate envelope.***

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| **Name of Proposing organization / firm:** |  |
| **Country of registration:**  |  |
| **Name of contact person for this Proposal:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Phone / Fax:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

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| **SECTION 1: EXPERTISE OF FIRM/ ORGANISATION** |
| *This section should fully explain the Proposer’s resources in terms of personnel and facilities necessary for the performance of this requirement. All contents of this section may be modified or expanded depending on the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP.*1.1 Brief description of Proposer as an entity: Provide a brief description of the organisation / firm submitting the Proposal, its legal mandates/authorised business activities, the year and country of incorporation, types of activities undertaken, and approximate annual budget, etc. Include reference to reputation, or any history of litigation and arbitration in which the organisation/firm has been involved that could adversely affect or impact the performance of services, indicating the status/result of such litigation/arbitration.1.2. Financial capacity:Provide the latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) duly certified by a Public Accountant, and with authentication of receipt by the relevant government’s Internal Revenue Authority. Include any indication of credit rating, industry rating, etc.1.3. Track record and experiences: Provide the following information regarding corporate experience within the last five (5) years which are related or relevant to those required for this Contract.

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| **Name of project** | **Client** | **Contract value** | **Period of activity** | **Types of activities undertaken** | **Status or date completed** | **References contact details (name, phone, email)** |
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| **SECTION 2 - APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** |
| *This section should demonstrate the Proposer’s responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the requirements.*2.1. Approach to the Service/Work required: Please provide a detailed description of the methodology for how the organisation/firm will achieve the Terms of Reference of the Project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment.2.2. Technical quality assurance review mechanisms: The methodology shall also include details of the Proposer’s internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms. 2.3. Implementation timelines: The Proposer shall submit a Gantt chart or Project schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing. 2.4. Subcontracting: Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team. 2.5. Risks/mitigation measures: Please describe the potential risks for the implementation of this Project that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.2.6. Reporting and monitoring: If required in the TOR, please provide a brief description of the mechanisms proposed for this project for reporting to IRENA and partners, including a reporting schedule.2.7. Anti-corruption strategy: Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this project to prevent the misuse of funds. Describe the financial controls that will be put in place.2.8. Partnerships: Explain any partnerships with local, international or other organisations that are planned for the implementation of the Project. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team. Letters of commitment from partners and an indication of whether some or all have successfully worked together on other previous projects is encouraged. 2.9. Statement of full disclosure: This is intended to disclose any potential conflict in accordance with the definition of “conflict” under Clause 5 of Section 2 of the RFP, if any.2.10. Other: Any other comments or information regarding the Project approach and methodology that will be adopted.  |

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| **SECTION 3: PERSONNEL**3.1 Management structure: Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing this activity. Include an organisation chart for the management of the Project describing the relationship of key positions and designations.3.2 Staff time allocation: Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each staff member and the time allocated for his/her involvement. *(Note:* *This spreadsheet is crucial and no substitution of personnel will be tolerated once the contract has been awarded except in extreme circumstances. Any substation shall be made only with IRENA’s approval of the justification for the substitution and with IRENA’s approval of the replacement, who shall be of either equal or superior credentials to the one being replaced and which shall not involve any additional cost to IRENA. No increase in costs will be considered as a result of any substitution.)*3.3 Qualifications of key personnel: Provide the CVs for key personnel (team leader, managerial and general staff) that will be provided to support the implementation of this project. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services. Please use the format below:

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Position for this Contract:** |  |
| **Nationality:**  |  |
| **Contact information:** |  |
| **Countries of work experience:** |  |
| **Language skills:** |  |
| **Educational and other qualifications:** |  |
| **Summary of experience:** *Highlight experience in the region and on similar projects.*  |
| **Relevant experience (from most recent):** |
| **Period: From – To** | **Name of activity/project/ funding organisation, if applicable:** | **Job title and activities undertaken/description of actual role performed:**  |
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| **Reference no.1 (minimum of 3):** | *Name; Designation; Organisation**Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.* |
| **Reference no.2** | *Name; Designation; Organisation**Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.* |
| **Reference no.3** | *Name; Designation; Organisation**Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.* |
| **Declaration:**I confirm my intention to serve in the stated position and present availability to serve for the term of the proposed contract. I also understand that any wilful misstatement described above may lead to my disqualification, before or during my engagement.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of the Nominated Team Leader/Member Date Signed |
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Section 7: Financial Proposal Form

The Proposer is required to submit the Financial Proposal in a separate envelope from the rest of the RFP response as indicated in Clause 14 of the Instructions to Proposers.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown. The format shown on the following pages is suggested for use as a guide in preparing the Financial Proposal. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as examples.

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| Description of deliverable  | Total cost / U$ |
| Block 1:i. For the preparation of two sets of core training program and core training materials for SIDS based on desk research and inputs from IRENA for two types of target audience:* 1. Senior/top management of local FI’s in SIDS.
	2. Operational staff/loan officers of local FI’s in SIDS.
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| Block 2:1. For the needs assessment exercise to be conducted remotely and adaptation of the core training program and materials.
2. The staff time (hours required) and the total fixed to deliver the onsite training.
3. Unit cost/hour for up to 40 hours of post workshop consultations remotely via teleconference/video call. In case the full 40 hours are not consumed, the payment will be calculated on actual number of consultation hours provided multiplied by the unit cost/hour. The consultation hours will be determined jointly by IRENA, ADFIP and the contractor.
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| Block 3:1. For the onsite delivery of the workshop on actuals including venue hire, catering, A/V equipment rental (on actuals) \*/\*\*.
2. For travel costs (the most economic economy fare flights on actuals); room, board and airport terminal transfers of contractor’s staff (on the basis of United Nations DSA rates).
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|  Grand total in USD |  |

Please fill in the above structure as the Financial Proposal. No other format will be accepted. Please ensure a breakdown of total individual deliverables is provided.

Name of bidder/firm:

Address:

Signature & Stamp of authorised person:

\*in case a third party offers the venue hire, catering, A/V equipment, the contractors payment for Block 3 will only be for Block 3, point 2.

\*\*in case IRENA directly arranges the venue hire, catering, A/V equipment, the contractor’s payment for Block 3 will only be for Block 3, point 2.

**Section 8: General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

In these General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services (hereinafter referred to as “General Terms and Conditions”) the following definitions shall apply:

“Agency” means the International Renewable Energy Agency.

“Contract” means the written agreement relating to the provision of Services entered into by the Agency and the Contractor and includes these General Terms and Conditions.

“Contractor” means the legal entity named in the Contract and with whom the Contract has been entered, or its successors.

“Parties” means the Contractor and the Agency collectively, and “Party” means either one of them.

“Services” means any service provided, or to be provided, to the Agency by the Contractor (or any of the Contractor’s sub-contractors) pursuant to or in connection with the Contract.

**2. LEGAL STATUS**

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the Agency. Neither the Contractor, and any subcontractor, nor any of their personnel shall be considered to be employees or agents of the Agency.

**3. PAYMENT TERMS**

(a) The Agency shall, unless otherwise specified in the Contract, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Contractor's invoice which is issued only upon the Agency’s acceptance of the work specified in the Contract.

(b) The prices shown in the Contract cannot be increased except by express written agreement by the Agency. The Agency will not pay any charge for late payment unless expressly agreed to in writing.

**4. CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL**

(a) The Contractor shall supervise and be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and shall select, for work under the Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of the Contract, respect the local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

(b) The Contractor shall not replace or withdraw any personnel referred to in the Contract for the performance of the Services without the prior written approval of the Agency or unless requested by the Agency. The Agency shall not unreasonably refuse or delay approval of any such withdrawal or replacement.

(c) Prior to assignment, replacement or withdrawal of personnel for the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall submit to the Agency for its consideration, the curriculum vitae or detailed justification to permit evaluation by the Agency of the impact which such assignment, replacement or withdrawal would have on the Services.

(d) In the event of replacement or withdrawal of personnel, all costs and additional expenses resulting from the replacement, for whatever reasons, of any of the Contractor’s personnel shall be for the account of the Contractor. Such replacement or withdrawal shall not be considered as termination in part or in whole of the Contract.

**5. SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS**

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to the Agency in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect the Agency and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of the Agency.

**6. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT**

The Contractor warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the Contract or the award thereof to any official or employee of the Agency. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any breach of this Article is a breach of an essential term of the Contract.

**7. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY**

(a) The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of the Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor’s rights, claims or obligations under the Contract except with the prior written consent of the Agency.

(b) Should the Contractor become insolvent, adjudged bankrupt, or should control of the Contractor change by virtue of insolvency, the Agency may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate the Contract by giving the Contractor written notice of termination.

**8. SUBCONTRACTING**

In the event the Contractor requires the services of one or more subcontractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of the Agency for all such subcontractor(s). The Agency’s approval of a subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under the Contract, and the terms of any subcontract shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Contract.

**9. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend at its own expense the Agency, its officers, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor or its employees or subcontractors in the performance of the Contract. This requirement shall extend, inter alia, to claims or liabilities in the nature of workers’ compensation, product liability and to liabilities pertaining to intellectual property rights. The obligations under this clause do not lapse upon termination of the Contract.

**10. INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES**

(a) The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workers compensation insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury, bodily injury or death arising from or in connection with the implementation of the Contract.

(b) The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risk in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of the Contract.

(c) The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death, bodily injury, loss of and damage to property arising from or in connection with the implementation of the Contract or from the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes and other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or subcontractors performing work or services in connection with the Contract.

(d) Except for insurance mentioned in paragraph (a), the insurance policies under this clause shall:

(i) Name the Agency as additional beneficiary (additional insured);

(ii) Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor’s rights to the insurance carrier against the Agency;

(iii) Provide that the Agency shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

(e) The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the Agency with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

(f) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that neither the requirement for taking out and maintaining insurance as set forth in the Contract nor the amount of any such insurance, including, but not limited to, any deductible or retention relating thereto, shall in any way be construed as limiting the Contractor’s liability arising under or relating to the Contract.

**11. ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS**

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file in any public office or on file with the Agency against any monies due or to become due for any Services provided under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

**12. TITLE TO EQUIPMENT**

Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by the Agency shall rest with the Agency and any such equipment shall be returned to the Agency at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed. Such equipment, when returned shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Contractor shall be liable to compensate the Agency for any damage or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

**13. OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW**

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of the Contract.

**14. COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS**

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the Agency shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other property rights, including but not limited to copyrights, patents and trademarks, with regard to products, documents or other materials which bear a direct relation to or are produced, prepared or collected in consequence or in the course of the execution of the Contract. At the request of the Agency, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, prepare and process all necessary documents and assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring them to the Agency in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law.

(b) To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the Agency does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the Agency a non-exclusive, perpetual and irrevocable license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right.

**15. CONFIDENTIALITY**

(a) All technical, financial or other documentation and data the Contractor compiled for or received from the Agency under the Contract shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to the Agency’s authorised officials on completion of the work or services or as requested by the Agency.

(b) The Contractor may not communicate at any time to any other person, Government or authority external to the Agency, any information known to it by reason of its association with the Agency which has not been made public except with the authorisation of the Agency, nor shall the Contractor at any time use such information to private advantage. These obligations do not lapse upon termination of the Contract.

**16. USE OF NAME, EMBLEM, OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE AGENCY**

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage that it is a Contractor of the Agency, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever, use the name, emblem or official seal of the Agency or any abbreviation of the name of the Agency in connection with its business or otherwise, without the prior written approval by the Agency. These obligations do not lapse upon termination of the Contract.

**17. FORCE MAJEURE**

(a) *Force majeure* as used herein shall mean any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, provided that such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(b) In the event of or as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the Agency of such occurrence if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the Agency of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with the Contractor’s performance under the Contract. Upon receipt of the notice required under this Article, the Agency shall take such action as, in its sole discretion, it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under the Contract.

(c) If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 19 (“Termination”) of these General Terms and Conditions, except that the period of notice may be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.

**18. AMENDMENT**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the provisions of the Contract and the annexes thereto may be amended or supplemented only by means of a written agreement signed by all of the Parties or their authorised representatives.

**19. TERMINATION**

(a) The Agency may terminate the Contract in whole or in part, and at any time, upon thirty (30) days’ notice of termination to the Contractor. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 20 (“Settlement of Disputes”) of these General Terms and Conditions, shall not be deemed a termination of the Contract.

(b) The Agency may terminate forthwith the Contract at any time should the funding for the Agency be curtailed or terminated, in which case the Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Agency for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.

(c) In the event of termination by the Agency, no payment shall be due from the Agency to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed and accepted by the Agency in accordance with the express terms of the Contract.

(d) Should the Contractor be adjudicated bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the Agency may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the Contract terminate the Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the Agency of the occurrence of any of the above events.

**20. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

(a) **Amicable Settlement**: The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the Conciliation Rules then obtaining of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (“UNCITRAL”), or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.

(b) **Arbitration:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 20(a) above (“Amicable Settlement”), within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party’s written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 (“Interim measures”) and Article 34 (“Form and effect of the award”) of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages, nor to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy or claim.

**21. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the Agency.

Section 9: Form for Performance Security[[4]](#footnote-5)

*This must be finalised using the official letterhead of the issuing bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made to this template.*

To: IRENA

 [*Insert contact information as provided in Data Sheet*]

WHEREAS [*name and address of Contractor*] (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. [*insert Contract number*] dated [*insert Contract date*], to execute Services (hereinafter called “the Contract”):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Contractor shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognised bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with his obligations in accordance with the Contract:

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Contractor such a Bank Guarantee:

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

This guarantee shall be valid until a date 30 days from the date of issue by IRENA of a certificate of satisfactory performance and full completion of services by the Contractor.

***SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK***

Date: .......................................................................................................................

Name of Bank: .........................................................................................................

Address: .................................................................................................................

Section 10: Form of Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment

*This must be finalised using the official letterhead of the issuing bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made to this template.*

*Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this Form and shall be deleted from the final product.*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Bank’s name, and address of issuing branch or office]*

**Beneficiary:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[Name and address of IRENA as provided in Data Sheet]*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Payment Guarantee No.:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We have been informed that *[name of company]* (hereinafter called "the Contractor") has entered into Contract No. *[reference number of the Contract]* dated *[insert date]* with you, for the provision of *[brief description of Services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of *[amount in words]* (*[amount in figures]*) is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Contractor, we, *[name of Bank]*, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[amount in words]* (*[amount in figures]*)[[5]](#footnote-6) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Contractor has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Contractor on its account number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at *[name and address of Bank]*.

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Contractor as indicated in copies of certified monthly statements which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the monthly payment certificate indicating that the Consultants have made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

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*[signature(s)]*

Section 11: Form of Contract[[6]](#footnote-7)

**Contract**

**between**

**the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**

**and**

**[INSERT NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR]**

**for the provision of**

**[INSERT DESIGNATION OF THE SERVICES]**

**Solicitation: [INSERT RFP REFERENCE NUMBER]**

**Contract No.: [INSERT NUMBER OF CONTRACT]**

This Contract, dated as of the Effective Date, is entered into by and between the International Renewable Energy Agency, having its headquarters located in Masdar City, P.O. Box 236, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (hereinafter “IRENA”), and **[INSERT NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR]**, duly incorporated under the laws of **[INSERT NAME OF THE COUNTRY]** and having its principal office located at **[INSERT ADDRESS OF THE CONTRACTOR]** (hereinafter the “Contractor”).

WHEREAS the Contractor desires to provide IRENA, and IRENA desires to obtain from the Contractor, the Services described in this Contract on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;

WHEREAS the offer of the Contractor dated **[INSERT DATE]**, submitted in response to the IRENA **[INSERT REFERENCE TO THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT: Request for Proposal/Invitation to Bid No…, dated …]**, was accepted by IRENA;

NOW, THEREFORE, IRENA and the Contractor (hereinafter collectively the “Parties” and individually a “Party”) hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1: Contract Documents**

* 1. This document and the documents listed in Article 1.2 below (“Contract Documents”) constitute the entire agreement by and between the Parties with regard to the subject hereof and supersedes all prior representations, contracts and proposals, whether written or oral, by and between the Parties on this subject.

1.2 The Contractor and IRENA agree to be bound by the provisions contained in the following documents, which are complementary of one another but in case of ambiguities, discrepancies or inconsistencies between or among them shall take precedence in the following order:

1. This document;
2. The IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services, attached hereto as Annex 1. The provisions of such Annex shall control the interpretation of this Contract and in no way shall be deemed to have been derogated by the contents of this document and any other Annexes, unless otherwise expressly stated;
3. The Terms of Reference **[INSERT REFERENCE AND DATE AS APPLICABLE]**, attached hereto as Annex 2; and
4. The Contractor’s technical proposal **[INSERT REFERENCE AND DATE AS APPLICABLE]**, not attached hereto but known to and in the possession of both Parties and incorporated herein by reference.

**Article 2: Definitions**

2.1 In this Contract, terms shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services and the Terms of Reference, annexed to this Contract.

2.2 In addition, the following terms shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them for the purposes of this Contract:

1. “Acceptance” means certification by IRENA that a particular Service or Deliverable has been provided and that the Service or Deliverable satisfies the applicable Acceptance Criteria. Deliverables accepted pursuant to the foregoing certification shall be considered “Accepted”.
2. “Acceptance Criteria” means the criteria used by IRENA to evaluate Acceptance for each Service or Deliverable separately and as integrated with any previously Accepted Service or Deliverable as provided herein. The term “Acceptance Criteria” shall be deemed to include that each Service or Deliverable shall meet the applicable specifications related to such Service or Deliverable, as set forth in this Contract including the Terms of Reference and, as applicable, the Contractor’s technical proposal, and operates in accordance with such other specific criteria as may be developed and recorded in writing by the Parties in the implementation of this Contract.
3. “Completion Date” means, for any Deliverable or task, the date set forth in this Contract and, as applicable, the Implementation Schedule, on or before which such Deliverable or task must be completed and/or delivered to IRENA.
4. “Contract” means the Contract Documents and any amendments as may be made thereto in accordance with Article 18 of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services.
5. “Contract Documents” has the meaning set forth in Article 1.
6. “Contractor” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Contract or its successors, subject to recognition by IRENA. If the Contractor wishes IRENA to recognize a successor in interest to this Contract or a name change, the Contractor shall notify IRENA in writing accordingly. The Contractor shall be the only interface for all matters pertaining to execution of the Services under this Contract.
7. “Deliverables” means any and all items to be developed and delivered by the Contractor to IRENA under this Contract including as described in the Terms of Reference and, as applicable, the Contractor’s technical proposal.
8. “Effective Date” has the meaning set forth in Article 11.
9. “Implementation Schedule” means the schedule which identifies the various tasks and responsibilities of the Parties as set forth in the Terms of Reference.
10. “Personnel” means any personnel, employee, official, agent, servant, representative and sub-contractor (or any of the sub-contractor’s personnel, employee, official, agent, servant and representative) of the Contractor.
11. “Services” means the work to be performed by the Contractor under this Contract including as described in the Terms of Reference and the Contractor’s technical proposal, and any incidental services, functions or responsibilities not specifically described in this Contract, but which are required for and are related to the proper performance of the Services.

**Article 3: Obligations of the Contractor**

3.1 The Contractor shall perform and complete the Services with the necessary diligence and efficiency and in accordance with the highest industry and professional standards, under the terms mutually agreed in this Contract.

3.2 The Contractor shall perform the Services in accordance with the Implementation Schedule and submit the Deliverables to IRENA according to the following schedule:

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| **No.** | **Deliverable Description** *(Procurement to ensure that the deliverable description mirrors the terms of the Terms of Reference contained in Annex 2. If the deliverables are sufficiently described in the Terms of Reference, it may be sufficient to indicate “Progress Report as specified in Annex 2”, “Final Report as specified in Annex 2”, etc.)* | **Completion Date** |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |

3.3 The Contractor shall provide the services of qualified English-speaking Personnel as specified and in accordance with the Contractor’s technical proposal. Any replacement by the Contractor of the Personnel specified in its technical proposal shall be made in accordance with Article 4 of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services.

3.4Without limiting and further to Article 4 of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services, the Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable for all work and services performed by its Personnel, and for its Personnel’s compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

3.5The Contractor shall be responsible, at its own costs, for obtaining all licenses, permits and authorisations from governmental or other authorities, legally required for the performance of the Services under this Contract.

3.6The Contractor represents and warrants the accuracy of any information or data provided to IRENA for the purpose of entering into this Contract.

3.7 The Contractor represents and warrants that any Service performed under this Contract shall be its own work. In the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall not infringe any third party intellectual property or other proprietary right nor shall it violate any third party rights of privacy. The Contractor shall obtain all necessary permissions for and appropriately acknowledge in the Deliverables any use of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights that pre-existed the performance of the Contract.

3.8 In the event of a breach of Article 3.7 above, including in case of plagiarism, IRENA, in its sole discretion and without prejudice to any of IRENA’s other rights and remedies under this Contract or otherwise, exercise any or all of the following:

3.8.1 Reduce any payments owed to the Contractor for the Deliverables at a rate proportionate to the breach, with such rate to be determined by IRENA in its sole discretion;

3.8.2 If the breach is identified after acceptance of the Deliverable by IRENA, require the return to IRENA of any payments made to the Contractor for the Deliverable at a rate proportionate to the breach, with such rate to be determined by IRENA in its sole discretion;

3.8.3 Terminate the Contract forthwith and without limitation to Article 19(c) of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services.

**Article 4: Price and Payment**

4.1 In consideration of the complete and satisfactory performance by the Contractor of all of the Services under this Contract, IRENA shall pay the Contractor a total fixed price of **[INSERT CURRENCY & AMOUNT IN FIGURES AND WORDS]** (hereinafter referred to as “the Contract Price”).

4.2 The Contract Price is inclusive of all costs, expenses, charges or fees that the Contractor may incur in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder, including management, remuneration, and travel costs of Contractor’s Personnel, and all taxes, duties, levies, fees and other charges of any nature imposed by any authority or entity. [*If travel costs are not included in the Contract Price, include:* The Contract Price however excludes travel expenses. Any travel by the Contractor that may be required under this Contract must be authorised by IRENA in advance and undertaken in accordance with IRENA’s travel policy.]

4.3 The Contract Price shall remain firm and fixed during the term of this Contract. It shall not be subject to any adjustment or revision because of price or currency fluctuations or the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Services under the Contract. The Contractor shall not do any work, provide any material or equipment or perform any service which may result in any charge to IRENA over and above the Contract without a formal written amendment to this Contract.

4.4 IRENA shall effect payments to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Contractor’s invoices and acceptance by IRENA of the Services and Deliverables represented by the invoices, unless IRENA disputes the invoice or a portion thereof. Invoices shall be submitted only upon achievement of the corresponding milestones and for the following amounts:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Milestone** | **Amount (in USD/AED/EUR/GBP)** *[select as applicable from the RFP]* |
| 1 | Acceptance of deliverable 1 | **[INSERT AMOUNT]** |
| 2 | Acceptance of deliverable 2 | **[INSERT AMOUNT]** |
| 3 | *(Procurement to fill and adjust as required)* | **[INSERT AMOUNT]** |

4.5 The Contractor shall submit an original copy of its invoices by mail for all Services supplied under the Contract and in accordance with the payment milestones specified above to the following address:

 International Renewable Energy Agency

 IRENA Headquarters, Masdar City

 P.O. Box 236, Abu Dhabi

 United Arab Emirates

 Tel.: +971-2-417-9000

 Attention: **[INSERT NAME OF PROJECT MANAGER]**

4.6 Invoices shall indicate the Contract reference number, the milestones achieved and corresponding amount payable, and specify the details of the bank account to which payment is to be made.

4.7 Payments effected by IRENA to the Contractor shall not be deemed to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract. [*If advance payment is agreed with the Contractor, add:* nor shall it be deemed as acceptance by IRENA of the Contractor’s performance of the Services and the Deliverables.]

4.8 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that IRENA may withhold payment in respect of any invoice in the event that, in the opinion of IRENA following review and evaluation of the Services and Deliverables in accordance with Article 7, the Contractor has not performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

4.9 If IRENA disputes any invoice or a portion thereof, IRENA shall notify the Contractor accordingly. IRENA and the Contractor shall consult in good faith to promptly resolve outstanding issues with respect to any disputed invoice. Once a dispute regarding an invoice or a portion thereof has been resolved, IRENA shall pay the Contractor the relevant amount within thirty (30) days after the final resolution of such dispute.

**Article 5: Temporary Suspension of the Services**

5.1 IRENA may, at any time, temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the Services being performed by the Contractor under this Contract by giving thirty (30) days’ advance notice in writing to the Contractor. The Services so suspended shall be resumed by the Contractor on the basis of a revised Implementation Schedule and on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon between the Parties.

**Article 6: Delays; Extension of Time for Performance**

6.1 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all time limits contained in this Contract and timely performance in completing the Services are of essence in respect of the performance of the Services.

6.2 In the event the Contractor anticipates a delay in the performance of the Services and delivery of the Deliverables, the Contractor shall immediately notify IRENA in writing of the extent of such delay and the overall impact such delay may have on completing the Services in accordance with the terms of this Contract. In such event, IRENA may, in its sole discretion, extend the Completion Dates and adjust the Implementation Schedule accordingly. The Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure that any delay in the delivery of a Deliverable shall not result in the delay of any Deliverable to be subsequently delivered to IRENA under this Contract.

6.3 In the event a delay in the performance of the Services and delivery of the Deliverables by the Contractor is caused by the acts or omissions of IRENA, its personnel or other contractors, the Completion Dates shall be extended. Such extension of time shall be the sole remedy of the Contractor and the Contractor shall not be entitled to additional payments or compensation for damage resulting from any such delay, including, but not limited to, damage resulting from overheads or loss of productivity.

**Article 7: Review and Evaluation; Improper Performance**

7.1 IRENA may review and evaluate the Services performed and Deliverables provided under this Contract at any time during or after the performance of the Services and delivery of the Deliverables.

7.2 All Deliverables shall meet the Acceptance Criteria and the terms of this Contract before such Deliverable can be accepted by IRENA.

7.3 If any Service performed or Deliverable delivered by the Contractor does not conform to the Acceptance Criteria or to the terms of this Contract, without prejudice to any of IRENA’s other rights and remedies under this Contract or otherwise, IRENA may, in its sole discretion, exercise the following:

 (a) If IRENA determines that the improper performance or the breach of the terms of this Contract can be remedied by way of re-performance or other corrective measures by the Contractor, IRENA requests the Contractor to take, and the Contractor shall take, at no additional cost or expense to IRENA, the measures necessary to re-perform or to take appropriate actions to remedy the improperly performed Services or the breach within such period as IRENA may specify following consultation with the Contractor.

 (b) IRENA accepts the Deliverable with its deficiencies and reaches agreement with the Contractor on an equitable reduction to the Contract Price to reflect the improper performance of the Services and the uncorrected deficiencies in the Deliverables.

 (c) If the Contractor does not take corrective measures or if IRENA reasonably determines that the Contractor is unable to remedy the improper performance or breach in a satisfactory and timely manner, or if IRENA, in its sole discretion, determines that the improper performance or breach cannot be remedied by re-performance or other corrective measures by the Contractor, IRENA may terminate the Contract in accordance with Article 19 of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services.

**Article 8: Notices; IRENA Focal Point**

8.1 Except as otherwise specified in this Contract, all notices and other communications between the Parties required or contemplated under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by: (i) personal delivery; (ii) postage prepaid, return receipt requested, certified mail; (iii) confirmed email, transmitted to the Party for which such notice or communication is intended at the addresses specified below or at such other address as may be specified by the Parties:

 **For IRENA:**

 Chief Procurement Officer

 International Renewable Energy Agency

 IRENA Headquarters, Masdar City

 P.O. Box 236, Abu Dhabi

 United Arab Emirates

 Tel.: +971-2-417-9000

 Email: procurement@irena.org

 **For the Contractor:**

 [INSERT CONTACT DETAILS]

8.2 Without prejudice to the above, IRENA shall designate a member of its personnel to serve, as from the Effective Date of this Contract, as the primary IRENA representative under this Contract for all actions bearing upon the performance of the Services. IRENA shall promptly notify the Contractor of such designation. The IRENA Focal Point will have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Services are carried out in accordance with this Contract and shall respond promptly to requests by the Contractor relating to the performance of the Services.

**Article 9: Special Conditions** *(This Article should be included only if, in its offer, the Contractor has expressly requested an amendment to the IRENA General Terms and Conditions)*

***Option 1***

***(Delete all text in italics in this Article 9 after selecting this option)***

9.1 Article [INSERT NUMBER] of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services in Annex 1 shall be amended to read:

 “[INSERT NEW TEXT]”

9.2 Article [INSERT NUMBER] of the IRENA General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services in Annex 1 shall be deleted in its entirety.

***Option 2***

***(Delete all text in italics in this Article 9 after selecting this option)***

9.1 Not applicable.

**Article 10: Severability; No Waiver**

10.1 If any provision of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable (in whole or in part), the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Contract shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

10.2 Failure by a Party to enforce a right shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that right unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract.

**Article 11: Effective Date and Term**

11.1 The Contract shall enter into force on the last date of its signature by both Parties (“the Effective Date”) and it shall remain in force until the Parties fulfil all of their obligations hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Parties have signed this Contract on the date(s) set forth below.

For IRENA:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For [INSERT NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR]:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. No deletion or modification may be made to this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Proposal. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. If the RFP requires the submission of a performance security, which shall be made a condition to the signing and effectivity of the Contract, the performance security that the Proposer’s bank will issue shall use the contents of this template [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Guarantor Bank shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advance payment and denominated in the currency of the advance payment as specified in the Contract. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. *Drafting note: Please replace this with the LTA template if applicable to the RFP.* [↑](#footnote-ref-7)