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**Request for Application (RFA)
Selection of Individual Consultant (National)
Training Management Consultant/Specialist
(Time Based)**

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Guidance Notes on the Use of the Standard Request for Application for Selection of Individual Consultants (National)

These guidance notes have been prepared by the CPTU to assist a Client in the preparation, using the Standard Request for Application (SRFA), for procurement of Individual Consultants (National). The Client should also refer to the Public Procurement Act 2006 (Act No 24 of 2006), and the Public Procurement Rules 2008, issued to supplement the Act available on CPTU's website: www.cptu.gov.bd/. All concerned are advised to refer to the aforementioned Act and Rules while participating in any selection process of Consultants.

Individual Consultants shall be employed in accordance with Section 38 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Rule 112 & Rule 104(d) of the Public Procurement Rule 2008 for assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirements and no team of staff and no additional professional support are required.

This document shall be used when a Procuring Entity (the Client) wishes to select an Individual Consultant (National) for **assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirement**, for which remuneration is being determined on the basis of the time actually spent by the Consultant in carrying out the services.

Time-based Contracts are recommended when the Scope of the Services cannot be established with sufficient precision, or the duration and quantity of Services depends on variables that are beyond the control of the Consultant, or the output required of the consultants is difficult to assess.

Consultant's remuneration is based on (i) agreed unit rates for the Consultant multiplied by the actual time spent by him/her in executing the assignment, and (ii) reimbursable expenses using actual expenses and/or agreed unit prices. This type of Contract requires the Client to closely supervise consultants and to be involved in the daily execution of the assignment.

SRFA (PS4) has been designed to suit the particular needs of procurement within Bangladesh, and has four (4) Sections, of which **Section 1: Information to the Applicants and the Contract Agreement in Section 4 must not be altered or modified under any circumstances.**

The Client addresses its specific needs through the **Section 2: Terms of Reference (TOR)**. The way in which an Applicant expresses his/her interest is by completion and submission of the Application Forms in **Section 3**.

Guidance notes in brackets and italics are provided for both the Client and the Applicants and as such the Client should carefully decide what notes need to remain and what other guidance notes might be required to assist the Applicant in preparing its Application submission; so as to minimize the inept Selection process.

SRFA (PS4), when properly completed will provide all the information that an Individual Consultant (National) needs in order to prepare and submit an Application. This should provide a sound basis on which the Client can fairly, transparently and accurately carry out an evaluation process on the application submitted by the Individual Consultant.

SRFA (PS4) duly tailored may also be used for the purpose of Single Source Selection Method.

The following briefly describes the Section of SRFA (PS4) and how a Client should use these when preparing a particular request for Applications.

Section 1: Information to the Applicants

This Section provides relevant information to help Consultants prepare their Applications. Information is also provided for submission, opening, and evaluation of Applications and on the award of Contract.

This Section also contains the criteria for selection of suitable Applicant
The text of the clauses in this section shall not be modified.

Section 2. Terms of Reference

This section defines clearly the Objectives, Goals, and Scope of the assignment, and provides background information (including a list of existing relevant studies and basic data) to enable the Individual Consultant to clearly understand the assignment. This section lists the Services and surveys that may be necessary to carry out the assignment and the expected outputs (for example, reports, data, maps, surveys); it also clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

Section 3. Application Forms

This section provides the standard format that permits the requested information to be presented in a clear, precise and readily available manner and allows the Client to readily understand and evaluate Applications in accordance with the pre-disclosed criteria. The completed forms will indicate details of the Applicant's qualifications and experience best suited to the specific assignment.

Section 4. Contract Agreement Forms

The Form of Contract Agreement which, once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities. The Annexes to the formal Contract include a Description of the Services, the Reporting Schedule and **Cost estimates** of Services.

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Section 1. Information to the Applicants

A. General

1. Scope of assignment of 1.1 The Client has been allocated Public fund for **ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase II)** and intends to select an Individual Consultant for the specific assignment as specified in the Terms of Reference in Section 2.
2. Qualifications of the Applicant 2.1 Prospective Individuals shall demonstrate in their Applications that they meet the required qualifications and experiences and are fully capable of carrying out the assignment.
2.2 The capability of Individuals shall be judged on the basis of academic background, experience in the field of assignment, and as appropriate, knowledge of the local conditions, as well as language and culture.
[Minimum educational qualifications, required experience have been mentioned in Terms of reference in Section 2]
3. Eligible Applicants 3.1 Any Bangladeshi national including persons in the service of the Republic or the local authority / Corporations is eligible to apply for the positions
3.2 Government officials and civil servants including individuals from autonomous bodies or corporations while on leave of absence without pay are not being hired by the agency they were working for immediately before going on leave and, their employment will not give rise to Conflict of Interest, pursuant to Rule 112 (9) of the Public Procurement rules, 2008
3.3 Persons who are already in employment in the services of the Republic or the local authorities/ Corporation etc. must have written certification from their employer confirming that they are on leave without pay from their official position and allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position. Such certification shall be provided to the Client by the Consultant as part of his/her Applications
3.4 No person who has been convicted by any Court of Law or dismissed from Services for misconduct shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a post.
3.5 The Applicant has the legal capacity to enter into the Contract
3.6 The Applicant has fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the relevant national laws.

- 3.7 The Applicant shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.2.
- 3.8 The Applicant shall not have conflict of interest pursuant to the Clause 5
4. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices
- 4.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.
- 4.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Contract Agreement Sub-Clause 3.4**
- 4.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.
- 4.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:
- (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and
 - (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.
5. Conflict of Interest
- 5.1 Government policy requires that the Applicant provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, and at all times hold the Executing Agency's (Client's) interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests.
- 5.2 The Applicant shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Client.
- 5.3 Pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rule 2008, the Applicant has an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict of interest that impacts on his capacity to serve the best interest of his Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant or the termination of its Contract.
- 5.4 The Applicant that has a business or family relationship with a member

of the Client's staff may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been addressed adequately throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

B. Preparation, Submission & Modification or Substitution of Applications

6. Preparation of Application
- 6.1 Applications shall be typed or written in indelible ink in **English language** and shall be signed by the Applicant. Applicants are required to complete the following Forms:
- (a) Form 3A: Application Submission Form;
 - (b) Form 3B: CV of the Applicant; and
 - (c) Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable
- 6.2 The Remuneration and reimbursable are **purely indicative** and are subject to negotiations and agreement with the Client prior to finalisation of the Contract.
7. Submission of Application
- 7.1 Pursuant to Rule-113(5) of the Public Procurement Rules, prospective Applicants can deliver their Application by hand, mail, courier service to the address mentioned in the request for Application advertisement.
- 7.2 Application shall be properly sealed in envelopes addressed to the Client as mentioned in the request for Application advertisement and bear the name & address of the Applicant as well as the name of the assignment.
- 7.3 In case of hand delivery, the Client, on request, shall provide the Applicant with a receipt.
- 7.4 The closing date for submission of Application is **25/10/2018** up to **11/11/2018**. Applications must be submitted within this deadline. Any Application received after the deadline for submission of Applications shall be declared late, and returned unopened to the Applicant.
- 7.5 Applications may be modified or substituted before the deadline for submission of Applications.
- 7.6 The Client may at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Applications.

7.7 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Applications the client for any reason on its own initiative may revise the Request for Application Document by issuing an Addendum which shall form an integral part of the Document.

C. Evaluation of Applications

8. Evaluation of applications 8.1 Suitability of the Applicants shall be rated by evaluation on the basis of their academic background, relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment, knowledge of local conditions as well as language.

8.2 The points to be given under each of the evaluation Criteria are:

Criteria	Points
• Educational Qualification	<i>25 points</i>
• Relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment	<i>60 points</i>
• Suitability considering age, skill (such as training, computer skills, proficiency in English and Bengali languages and others).	<i>10 points</i>
Total points:	95 points

8.3 Applicants thus given points as stated under Clause 8.2, not securing the minimum qualifying points *not less than 70* shall be considered disqualified.

8.4 Applications shall be evaluated by the PEC, who shall prepare a short-list of maximum seven (7) Applicants

8.5 The qualified short-listed Applicants as stated under Clause 8.4 shall be invited for an interview to test their aptitude and presentation by the PEC and shall be rated with five (5) points.

8.6 Points already secured by the Applicants in the evaluation as stated under Clause 8.5, shall be combined with the points obtained in the interview and a list of maximum three (3) most suitable Applicants ranked in order of merit (1-2-3) shall be prepared.

8.7 In pursuant to Rule 114 of the Public Procurement Rules 2008, there shall be no public opening of Applications.

8.8 The Client shall immediately after the deadline for submission of Application convene a meeting of the Proposal Opening Committee(POC)

8.9 The POC, having completed the record of opening, shall send the Applications received and the opening record to the PEC.

8.10 Following the opening of the Applications, and until the Contract is signed, no Applicant shall make any unsolicited communication to the Client. Such an attempt to influence the Client in its decisions on the examination, evaluation, and comparison of either the Applications or Contract award may result in the rejection of the Application.

9. Application Negotiations

9.1 The first-ranked Applicant stated under Clause 8.5 shall then be invited for negotiations, pursuant to Rule 122 of the Public Procurement Rule, 2008 at the address of the client.

9.2 If this fails, negotiate with the second-ranked Applicant, and if this fails negotiate with the third-ranked Applicant, with the hope that successful negotiations are concluded

9.3 During negotiations, the Client and the Applicant shall finalize the “Terms of Reference”, work schedule, logistics and reporting schedule etc. These documents shall then be incorporated into the Contract as Description of Services”

9.4 The Financial negotiations will involve the remuneration and other reimbursable cost to be paid to the Applicant.

9.5 Negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft Contract. To complete negotiations the Client and the Applicant will initial the agreed Contract

D. Award of Contract

10. Award of Contract

10.1 After completing negotiations and having received the approval to award the contract, the Client shall sign the Contract with the selected Applicant.

11. Debriefing

11.1 After signature of the Contract, the Client shall promptly notify other Applicants that they were unsuccessful.

11.2 The Client shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Applicant who request the client in writing to explain on which grounds its application was not selected.

12. Commencement of Services

12.1 The applicant is expected to commence the assignment on December 2018 at ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase-II), DSHE, Dhaka. The duration of the contract shall be 36 person-months from the date of commencement.

Section 2. Terms of Reference (ToR) for Training Management Consultant/Specialist

Background and General Description:

Bangladesh is a low middle income country having a robust and consistent economic growth between 6-7 percent over the last decade. In order to keep this economic growth on track and achieving the goals of sustainable development, the country has been focusing on the appropriate use of national resources with due regard to transparency and efficiency for better service delivery. Information and communication technologies (ICT) have become commonplace entities in all aspects of life. Across the past twenty years the use of ICT has fundamentally changed the practices and procedures of nearly all forms of endeavor within business and governance. Education is a very socially oriented activity and quality education has traditionally been associated with strong teachers having high degrees of personal contact with learners. The use of ICT in education lends itself to more student-centered learning settings. But with the world moving rapidly into digital media and information, the role of ICT in education is becoming more and more important and this importance will continue to grow and develop in the 21st century. For Bangladesh, now the effective use of ICT in the teaching learning process for quality and accessibility of education and learning motivation has become our national destiny. ICT is a tool that will enable Bangladesh to achieve the goal of becoming a strong, prosperous and self-confident nation. In doing so, ICT promises to compress the time it would otherwise take Bangladesh to advance rapidly in the march of development and occupy a position of honor and pride in the comity of nations.

B. Objective of the assignment:

The main objective of this assignment is to expand and strengthen ICT education in Bangladesh. To achieve the goals of the country's reform priorities in education will require action across the education sector beginning from classrooms encompassing teachers' capacity extending to the strategic action-plans. With the envisaged roles this project has been designed with the objectives to refashion classroom teaching-learning practice to ensure learners' engagement and higher order skills through: (i) Enhancement of teachers' capacity, (ii) Creation of motivational mechanism for education stakeholders (iii) Integration of ICT in teaching learning practice and Development of enabling environment for sustainability. The project is currently seeking the services of the Consultant that will lead primarily the implementation of two the activities of the ICT for Secondary Education Project. Based on the lessons, knowledge/experience, and data/findings, the Consultant will provide technical expertise and support services to implement the key activities. Additionally, the Consultant, in coordination with other relevant teams/consultants, is expected to provide overall technical an advisory support in the design and implementation of various other aspects of the project.

The Training Management Consultant will report to the Project Director, ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase II). S/he will work closely with other members of this project.

C. Duties and Responsibilities (Terms of References)

The training management consultant will be responsible for the following tasks of the project. All sorts of technical support will have to be ensured by the consultant. This consultant will follow the following tasks:

1. Development of training modalities, training programs, training budget and systems for teachers support;
2. Suggest for approval of training budget and other document;
3. Development of training manual and teachers' guide;
4. Review training manual, teachers' guide, programs etc., if necessary;
5. Prepare Master Trainer and organize ToT;
6. Assist in preparing presentation, papers for seminar, workshop, training and consultations meeting;
7. Develop database of trainees and trainer with consultation of PIU;
8. Assist to organize workshop, seminar, training under this project;
9. Provide assistance for monitoring, mentoring of training;
10. Ensure quality of training by monitoring, mentoring and supervision;
11. Assist in reporting with analytics using competent software and put recommendation for further improvement of training citing strength and weakness of the training and workshop;
12. System development for approval of necessary document;
13. Compare the training/workshop with international standards supported by authenticated document;
14. Submit monthly, quarterly and annual report with descriptive and statistical analysis;
15. Any other issues related to training quality, training program will be meeting up by the consultant.

D. Qualification of the consultant

Candidates meeting the following requirements are encouraged to apply:

- Master's Degree in Social Science/Science/ Business Studies/Education from any recognized university.
- Ph. D. Degree will be added as an extra qualification
- Minimum 10 years teaching/research experience in any recognized university/Govt. College/Training Institute/Research Institute.
- At least 5 years' experience in Govt. Training Management Institute or Govt. Educational administration.
- Experience in producing national/international training reports/Manuals/ Research Paper;
- Excellent analytical and communications skills and ability to write clearly and concisely in Bangla and English;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in a team-based environment and under tight time constraints;
- Ability to provide the full range of operational assistance with independent responsibility;
- Demonstrated ability to carry out research and analytical tasks and to contribute to resolution of sector and country issues;
- Close familiarity with Bangladesh's development problems and issues and some research and working experience in the above areas;
- Familiarity with relevant local institutions, economic research work and the sources of economic data in Bangladesh;

- Ability to build effective working relations with Client's and colleagues.

E. Output/ Deliverables:

- Training manuals for participants and trainers - 1 master copy (before the training);
- Training presentation slides (before the training);
- Training program (before the training);
- All preparatory materials and training content/ discussions on the issues to be decided should be communicated and submitted to the Project Director's Office in-person.

F. Copyright

All rights of copyright concerning the material produced by consultant will remain the property of Project under the Secondary and Higher Education Division.

G. Duration of the Contract:

The duration of the contract will be (36 months) years/months from the date of signing of the contract that is expected to be finalized during negotiations;

H. Supervisory arrangements

The consultant shall directly work with guidance of the Project Director in liaison with other concerned entities, who will collaborate with the consultant in obtaining all the required documents and materials, as well as in communication with the main beneficiaries of the assignment. The consultant will be supervised by PD office and report regularly to PD primarily and ultimately to the Ministry through the PD.

I. Reporting Obligations

The consultant will be required to submit a conceptual report within 15 (Fifteen) days of the signing of the contract. It will be required to submit Monthly Progress Report on the activity planned and performed to the Project Director. The consultant will submit draft report within 60 (sixty) days, and the Final Report on completion the contract.

Section 3. Application Forms

- Form 3A : Application Submission Form
- Form 3B : CV of the Applicant
- Form 3C : Remuneration and Reimbursable

Form 3A.Application Submission

[Location: dd/mm/yy]

To:

Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Sobur Khan
Project Director
ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase-II)
Shikkha Bhaban, Block-1, (Ground floor, Room #122), 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000

Dear Sirs:

I am hereby submitting my Application to provide the consulting Services for [Insert title of assignment] in strict accordance with your Request for Application dated [dd/mm/yy].

I declare that I was not associated, nor have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a Consultant or any other entity that has prepared the design, specifications and others documents in accordance with Clause 5.

I further declare that I have not been declared ineligible by the Government of Bangladesh on charges of engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Clause 4.

I undertake, if I am selected, to commence the consulting Services for the assignment not later than the date indicated in Clause 12.1.

I understand that you are not bound to accept any Application that you may receive.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Print name

Address:

Tel:

Attachment:

Form 3B. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Applicant

1	PROPOSED POSITION FOR THIS PROJECT :	<i>[From the Terms of Reference, state the position for which the Consultant will be engaged.]</i>			
2	NAME OF PERSON :	<i>[state full name]</i>			
3	DATE OF BIRTH :	<i>[dd/mm/yy]</i>			
4	NATIONALITY :				
5	MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES	<i>[state rank and name of society and year of attaining that rank].</i>			
6	EDUCATION	<i>[list all the colleges/universities which the Applicant attended, stating degrees obtained, and dates, and list any other specialised education of the Applicant].</i>			
7	OTHER TRAINING	<i>[indicate significant training since degrees under EDUCATION were obtained, which is pertinent to the proposed tasks of the Consultant].</i>			
8	LANGUAGES & DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY	<u>Language</u>	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>
		<i>e.g. English</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
9	COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE				
10	EMPLOYMENT RECORD <i>[starting with present position list in reverse order [every employment held and state the start and end dates of each employment]</i>	<i>[The Applicant should clearly distinguish whether as an “employee” of the firm or as a “Consultant” or “Advisor” of the firm].</i>			
		<i>[The Applicant should clearly indicate the Position held and give a brief description of the duties in which the Applicant was involved].</i>			
	EMPLOYER 1	FROM: <i>[e.g. January 1999]</i>	TO: <i>[e.g. December 2001]</i>		
	EMPLOYER 2	FROM:	TO:		
	EMPLOYER 3	FROM:	TO:		
	EMPLOYER 4 (etc.)	FROM:	TO:		

11 WORK UNDERTAKEN THAT BEST ILLUSTRATES THE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE THIS ASSIGNMENT

[give an outline of experience and training most pertinent to tasks on this assignment, with degree of responsibility held. Use about half of a page A4].

12 COMPUTER SKILL

CERTIFICATION

[Do not amend this Certification].

I, the undersigned, certify that (i) I was not a former employee of the Client immediately before the submission of this proposal, and (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Signature

Print name

Date of Signing

dd / mm / yyyy

Form 3C. Indicative Remuneration & Expenses

The Consultant should provide an indication of the remuneration as per the format shown below. This will not be used for evaluation of the Consultant's Application but solely for the purposes of Application Negotiations to be held as stated in **Clause 9.1**.

(1) **Remuneration**

Rate (per month / day / hour in Tk.)	Staff Time (No. month / day / hour)	Total (Tk)

Note: A month consists of 30 calendar days.

(2) **Reimbursable (as applicable)**

	Rate unit	per unit	Total unit	Total Amount (Tk)
(a) Per Diem Allowance				
(b) Air Travel Costs				
(c) Other Travel Costs (state mode of travel)				
(d) Communication charges				
(e) Reproduction of Reports				
(f) Other Expenses (<i>to be listed</i>)				
			Sub-total	

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Section 4. Contract Forms

The *Contract Agreement*, which once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant, clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

4.1 Contract Agreement (Time-based)

THIS CONTRACT (“the Contract”) is entered into this day of [dd/mm/yy], by and between [insert name of Client] (“the Procuring Entity”) having its office at [insert address of Client], and [insert name of Consultant] (“the Consultant”) having his/her address at [insert address of Consultant].

WHEREAS, the Client wishes to have the Consultant performing the Services hereinafter referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these Services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

General

1. Services
 - 1.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services specified in Annex A (*Description of Services*), which are made an integral part of the Contract.

2. Duration
 - 2.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing from [dd/mm/yy] and continuing until [dd/mm/yy], or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.

3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices
 - 3.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.

 - 3.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Sub-Clause 3.5**

 - 3.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.

 - 3.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:
 - (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and
 - (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.

3.5 The Government defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

“corrupt practice” means offering, giving or promising to give, receiving, or soliciting either directly or indirectly, to any officer or employee of a Client or other public or private authority or individual, a gratuity in any form; employment or any other thing or service of value as an inducement with respect to an act or decision or method followed by a Client in connection with a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

“fraudulent practice” means the misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a decision to be taken in a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

“collusive practice” means a scheme or arrangement between two (2) or more Persons, with or without the knowledge of the Client, that is designed to arbitrarily reduce the number of Tenders submitted or fix Tender prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, thereby denying a Client the benefits of competitive price arising from genuine and open competition; or

“coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, Persons or their property to influence a decision to be taken in the Procurement proceeding or the execution of a Contract, and this will include creating obstructions in the normal submission process used for Tenders, Applications, Proposals or Quotations.

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| 4. | Applicable Law | 4.1 | The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh |
| 5. | Governing Language | 5.1 | The language governing the Contract shall be English, however for day to day communications in writing both Bangla and English may be used. |
| 6. | Modification of Contract | 6.1 | The Contract shall only be modified by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 7. | Ownership of Material | 7.1 | Any studies, reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client. |
| | | 7.2 | The Consultant may, with the prior written approval of the Client, retain a copy of such documents and software, but shall not use them for purposes unrelated to the Contract. |
| 8. | Relation between the Parties | 8.1 | Nothing contained in the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating any relationship other than that of independent Consultant between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 9. | Contractual Ethics | 9.1 | No fees, gratuities, rebates, gifts, commissions or other payments, other than those shown in the Contract, shall have been given or received in connection with the selection process or in the contract |

execution.

Payments to the Consultant

10. Ceiling Amount 10.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for the Services rendered pursuant to ‘Description of Services’ ‘a ceiling amount not to exceed Tk. *[insert amount]*, which includes remuneration and reimbursable expenses as set forth in Clauses 10.2. These amounts have been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant’s costs as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant.
- 10.2 The composition of the Remuneration and Reimbursable which make up the ceiling amount are detailed in Annex B
11. Remuneration 11.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for Services rendered with the rates agreed and specified in **ANNEX B** “Cost estimates for Services and Schedule of Rates”. Remuneration rates shall be on monthly/daily/hourly [delete those inappropriate]
- 11.2 **Monthly Rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall include travel time, weekends and public holidays, and to the extent specified in Clause 15.2 shall also include periods of casual leave and sick leave. In cases where only part of a month is worked then remuneration shall be computed by dividing the monthly rate by 30 and multiplying by the number of days worked i.e. time spent (as described above) during that month;
- or**
- Daily rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall be determined solely on the basis of the number of days actually worked by the Consultant, and shall include travel time, but not weekends, public holidays, casual or sick leave
- or**
- Hourly rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall be determined solely on the basis of the number of hours actually worked by the Consultant, and shall include travel time, but not weekends, public holidays, casual or sick leave.
12. Reimbursable 12.1 **Per Diem Allowance:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to per diem allowance in accordance with the agreed per diem rates.
- 12.2 **Travel Costs:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to travel costs in accordance with the agreed travel costs.
- 12.3 **Other Expenses:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services, be entitled to reimbursement of any other expenses as detailed in **Annex B**.
- 12.4 For other reasonable reimbursable expenses not falling within the above three categories, but which may arise during performance of

the Services, such expenses will only be reimbursed by the Client as it may at its sole discretion approve, subject to available of budget.

13. Payment Conditions
- 13.1 **Currency:** Payments shall be made in Bangladesh Taka by the end of each calendar month or within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the Invoice as the case may be.
- 13.2 **Advance Payment:** The Consultant shall, if he/she so requests, be entitled to a total advance payment, as specified in Annex B, to cover his/her out-of-pocket expenses which are to be recovered in equal installments from monthly amounts due to him/her.
- [For aid funded procurement Advance Payments may be applicable. However, for 100% GoB funded procurement Advance payments shall not be applicable unless otherwise specifically decided by The Government.]*
- 13.3 **Monthly Payments:** The Consultant shall submit an Invoice for Remuneration and Reimbursable at the end of every month and payments shall be made by the Client within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the invoice.
- 13.4 **Final Payment:** The final payment shall be made only after the final report shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory to the Client. If the Client notifies any deficiencies in the Services or the final report, the Consultant shall promptly make any necessary corrections, to the satisfaction of the Client.
- 13.5 **Suspension:** The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform his/her obligations under this Contract.
- 13.6 **Refund of Excess Payment:** Any amount if paid to the Consultant in excess of the amount actually payable under the provisions of the Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim from the Client, provided that such claim is lodged within three(3) months after the acceptance of the final report.

Obligations of the Consultant

14. Medical Arrangements
- 14.1 The Consultant shall, before commencement of the Services furnish the Client with a medical report providing evidence satisfactory to the Client that the Consultant is in good health and is not subject to any physical or mental disability which may interfere with his/her performance of the Services.
15. Working Hours and Leave
- 15.1 The Consultant shall, when engaged directly with the Client, follow the normal Working Hours and Holidays of the Client, and entitlement to leave as per the Client's Rules.

- 15.2 The Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover leave except otherwise specified in the Contract.
16. Performance Standard 16.1 The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.
17. Contract Administration 17.1 **Client's Representative**
The Client's representative, as indicated in Annex A, shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities under the Contract.
- 17.2 **Timesheets**
The Consultant providing Services may be required to complete standard timesheets or any other document to identify the time spent, as requested by the Client's Representative.
18. Confidentiality 18.1 The Consultant shall not, during the term of the Contract or within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, the Contract or the Client's business operations without the prior written consent of the Client.
19. Consultant's Liabilities 19.1 The Consultant shall continue to cooperate with the Client after the termination of the Contract, to such reasonable extent as may be necessary to clarify or explain any reports or recommendations made by the Consultant.
- 19.2 The Consultant shall report immediately to the Client any circumstances or events which might reasonably be expected to hinder or prejudice the performance of the Services.
20. Consultant not to be engaged in Certain Activities 20.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of the Contract and after its termination, the Consultant shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than any continuation of the Services under the Contract) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

Obligations of the Client

21. Services, Facilities and Property 21.1 The Client shall, free of any charge to the Consultant, make available for the purpose of carrying out the assignment data, local services, personnel, and facilities indicated in Annex A.

Termination and Settlement of Disputes

22. Termination 22.1 **By the Client**
The Client may terminate the Contract by not less than twenty-eight (28) days written notice to the Consultant, Such notice to be given after the occurrence of any event necessitating such

termination.

22.2 By the Consultant

The Consultant may terminate the Contract, by not less than twenty eight (28) days written notice to the Client, if the Client fails to pay any monies due to the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.

23. Dispute Resolution

23.1 Amicable Settlement

The Client and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.

23.2 Arbitration

If the dispute cannot be settled the same may be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2001 of Bangladesh as at present in force. The place of Arbitration shall be in Dhaka.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have signed this agreement the day and year first above written.

FOR THE CLIENT

FOR THE CONSULTANT

Signature

Signature

Print Name & Position:

Print Name:

The following documents forming the integral part of this contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

(a) The Form of contract

Annex A: Description of Services

Annex B: Cost Estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

Annex C: Consultant's Reporting Obligations

ANNEX A: Description of the Services

[Give detailed descriptions of the Services including its (a) Background, (b) Objectives, (c) Detailed negotiated TOR providing a description of Services to be provided , (d) Work plan with dates for completion of various tasks, (e) Place of performance of different tasks, (f) Specific tasks to be approved by the Client; etc.).

[also ensure the following data is listed in this Annex in conformity with the Contract Agreement.

- 1. The name of the main location (Duty Station) at which the Services are to be provided. Also advise if any other travel will be necessary, and if so, to which expected locations will the Consultant be required to travel.*
- 2. Indicate the Contact Addresses for Notices and Requests as indicated in Clause 22.1 of the Contract Agreement.*

(a) Address of the Client:

Project Director

ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher secondary Level Project (Phase II)

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education

Shikkha Bhaban, Dhaka

Phone: 41050101

e-mail: [e-mail: pdict2@gmail.com](mailto:pdict2@gmail.com)

(b) Address of the Client:

(With phone number, Fax number & e-mail)

- 3. Logistics and facilities to be provided to the Consultant by the Client are listed below:*
 - Facilities will be provided as agreed by both Client & the Consultant at the time of contract agreement.*

ANNEX B: Cost estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

(A) Remuneration

Name of Consultant	Rate, Taka	Quantity	Total Taka
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) = (b) x (c)
Remuneration is made on a [<i>state monthly, daily or hourly</i>] rate		Sub-Total (A)	

(B) Reimbursable

Items of reimbursable	Unit	Qty	Rate(Taka)	Total (Taka)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e) = (c) x (d)
(a) Per Diem Allowance				
(b) Air Travel Costs				
(c) Other Travel cost				
(d) Communication charges				
(e) Reproduction of reports				
(f) Other Expenses (to be listed)				
<i>Supporting documents and vouchers must be attached with the invoice</i>		Sub-total (B) =		

CONTRACT CEILING (A) +(B)=	Total =
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ANNEX C: Consultant's Reporting Obligations
(Sample Format)

Sl. No.	Reports	Contents of Reports	Persons to Receive them	Date of Submission
1	Inception Report			
2	Interim Progress Report (a) First Status Report (b) Second Status Report			
3	Draft Report			
4	Final Report			



GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

**Request for Application (RFA)
Selection of Individual Consultant (National)**

**Procurement Consultant/Specialist
(Time Based)**

**Central Procurement Technical Unit
Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division
Ministry of Planning**

Guidance Notes on the Use of the Standard Request for Application for Selection of Individual Consultants (National)

These guidance notes have been prepared by the CPTU to assist a Client in the preparation, using the Standard Request for Application (SRFA), for procurement of Individual Consultants (National). The Client should also refer to the Public Procurement Act 2006 (Act No 24 of 2006), and the Public Procurement Rules 2008, issued to supplement the Act available on CPTU's website: www.cptu.gov.bd/. All concerned are advised to refer to the aforementioned Act and Rules while participating in any selection process of Consultants.

Individual Consultants shall be employed in accordance with Section 38 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Rule 112 & Rule 104(d) of the Public Procurement Rule 2008 for assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirements and no team of staff and no additional professional support are required.

This document shall be used when a Procuring Entity (the Client) wishes to select an Individual Consultant (National) for **assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirement**, for which remuneration is being determined on the basis of the time actually spent by the Consultant in carrying out the services.

Time-based Contracts are recommended when the Scope of the Services cannot be established with sufficient precision, or the duration and quantity of Services depends on variables that are beyond the control of the Consultant, or the output required of the consultants is difficult to assess.

Consultant's remuneration is based on (i) agreed unit rates for the Consultant multiplied by the actual time spent by him/her in executing the assignment, and (ii) reimbursable expenses using actual expenses and/or agreed unit prices. This type of Contract requires the Client to closely supervise consultants and to be involved in the daily execution of the assignment.

SRFA (PS4) has been designed to suit the particular needs of procurement within Bangladesh, and has four (4) Sections, of which **Section 1**: Information to the Applicants and the Contract Agreement in **Section 4 must not be altered or modified under any circumstances**.

The Client addresses its specific needs through the **Section 2**: Terms of Reference (TOR). The way in which an Applicant expresses his/her interest is by completion and submission of the Application Forms in **Section 3**.

Guidance notes in brackets and italics are provided for both the Client and the Applicants and as such the Client should carefully decide what notes need to remain and what other guidance notes might be required to assist the Applicant in preparing its Application submission; so as to minimize the inept Selection process.

SRFA (PS4), when properly completed will provide all the information that an Individual Consultant (National) needs in order to prepare and submit an Application. This should provide a sound basis on which the Client can fairly, transparently and accurately carry out an evaluation process on the application submitted by the Individual Consultant.

SRFA (PS4) duly tailored may also be used for the purpose of Single Source Selection Method. The following briefly describes the Section of SRFA (PS4) and how a Client should use these when preparing a particular request for Applications.

Section1: Information to the Applicants

This Section provides relevant information to help Consultants prepare their Applications. Information is also provided for submission, opening, and evaluation of Applications and on the award of Contract.

This Section also contains the criteria for selection of suitable Applicant
The text of the clauses in this section shall not be modified.

Section 2. Terms of Reference

This section defines clearly the Objectives, Goals, and Scope of the assignment, and provides background information (including a list of existing relevant studies and basic data) to enable the Individual Consultant to clearly understand the assignment. This section lists the Services and surveys that may be necessary to carry out the assignment and the expected outputs (for example, reports, data, maps, surveys); it also clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

Section 3. Application Forms

This section provides the standard format that permits the requested information to be presented in a clear, precise and readily available manner and allows the Client to readily understand and evaluate Applications in accordance with the pre-disclosed criteria. The completed forms will indicate details of the Applicant's qualifications and experience best suited to the specific assignment.

Section 4. Contract Agreement Forms

The Form of Contract Agreement which, once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities. The Annexes to the formal Contract include a Description of the Services, the Reporting Schedule and **Cost estimates** of Services.

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Section 1. Information to the Applicants

A. General

1. Scope of assignment	1.1 The Client has been allocated Public fund for ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase II) and intends to select an Individual Consultant for the specific assignment as specified in the Terms of Reference in Section 2.
2. Qualifications of the Applicant	2.1 Prospective Individuals shall demonstrate in their Applications that they meet the required qualifications and experiences and are fully capable of carrying out the assignment.
	2.2 The capability of Individuals shall be judged on the basis of academic background, experience in the field of assignment, and as appropriate, knowledge of the local conditions, as well as language and culture. [Minimum educational qualifications, required experience have been mentioned in Terms of reference in Section 2]
3. Eligible Applicants	3.1 Any Bangladeshi national including persons in the service of the Republic or the local authority / Corporations is eligible to apply for the positions
	3.2 Government officials and civil servants including individuals from autonomous bodies or corporations while on leave of absence without pay are not being hired by the agency they were working for immediately before going on leave and, their employment will not give rise to Conflict of Interest, pursuant to Rule 112 (9) of the Public Procurement rules, 2008
	3.3 Persons who are already in employment in the services of the Republic or the local authorities/ Corporation etc. must have written certification from their employer confirming that they are on leave without pay from their official position and allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position. Such certification shall be provided to the Client by the Consultant as part of his/her Applications
	3.4 No person who has been convicted by any Court of Law or dismissed from Services for misconduct shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a post.
	3.5 The Applicant has the legal capacity to enter into the Contract
	3.6 The Applicant has fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the relevant national laws.
	3.7 The Applicant shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.2.
	3.8 The Applicant shall not have conflict of interest pursuant to the Clause 5
4. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices	4.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.
	4.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the Contract Agreement Sub-Clause 3.4
	4.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.

	4.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall: (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.
5. Conflict of Interest	5.1 Government policy requires that the Applicant provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, and at all times hold the Executing Agency's (Client's) interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests.
	5.2 The Applicant shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Client.
	5.3 Pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rule 2008, the Applicant has an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict of interest that impacts on his capacity to serve the best interest of his Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant or the termination of its Contract.
	5.4 The Applicant that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been addressed adequately throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.
B. Preparation, Submission & Modification or Substitution of Applications	
6. Preparation of Application	6.1 Applications shall be typed or written in indelible ink in English language and shall be signed by the Applicant. Applicants are required to complete the following Forms: (a) Form 3A: Application Submission Form; (b) Form 3B: CV of the Applicant; and (c) Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable
	6.2 The Remuneration and reimbursable are purely indicative and are subject to negotiations and agreement with the Client prior to finalisation of the Contract.
7. Submission of Application	7.1 Pursuant to Rule-113(5) of the Public Procurement Rules, prospective Applicants can deliver their Application by hand, mail, courier service to the address mentioned in the request for Application advertisement.
	7.2 Application shall be properly sealed in envelopes addressed to the Client as mentioned in the request for Application advertisement and bear the name & address of the Applicant as well as the name of the assignment.
	7.3 In case of hand delivery, the Client, on request, shall provide the Applicant with a receipt.

	7.4	The closing date for submission of Application is 25/10/2018 up to 11/11/2018 Applications must be submitted within this deadline. Any Application received after the deadline for submission of Applications shall be declared late, and returned unopened to the Applicant.
	7.5	Applications may be modified or substituted before the deadline for submission of Applications.
	7.6	The Client may at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Applications.
	7.7	At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Applications the client for any reason on its own initiative may revise the Request for Application Document by issuing an Addendum which shall form an integral part of the Document.

C. Evaluation of Applications

8. Evaluation of applications	8.1	Suitability of the Applicants shall be rated by evaluation on the basis of their academic background, relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment, knowledge of local conditions as well as language.	
	8.2	The points to be given under each of the evaluation Criteria are:	
		Criteria	
		Points	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Qualification 	<i>25 points</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment 	<i>60 points</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitability considering age, skill (such as training, computer skills, proficiency in English and Bengali languages and others). 	<i>10 points</i>
		Total points:	95 points
	8.3	Applicants thus given points as stated under Clause 8.2, not securing the minimum qualifying points <i>not less than 70</i> shall be considered disqualified.	
	8.4	Applications shall be evaluated by the PEC, who shall prepare a short-list of maximum seven (7) Applicants	
	8.5	The qualified short-listed Applicants as stated under Clause 8.4 shall be invited for an interview to test their aptitude and presentation by the PEC and shall be rated with five (5) points.	
	8.6	Points already secured by the Applicants in the evaluation as stated under Clause 8.5, shall be combined with the points obtained in the interview and a list of maximum three (3) most suitable Applicants ranked in order of merit (1-2-3) shall be prepared.	
	8.7	In pursuant to Rule 114 of the Public Procurement Rules 2008, there shall be no public opening of Applications.	
	8.8	The Client shall immediately after the deadline for submission of Application convene a meeting of the Proposal Opening Committee(POC)	
	8.9	The POC, having completed the record of opening, shall send the Applications received and the opening record to the PEC.	
	8.10	Following the opening of the Applications, and until the Contract is signed, no Applicant shall make any unsolicited communication to the Client. Such an attempt to influence the Client in its decisions on the examination, evaluation, and comparison of either the Applications or Contract award may result in the rejection of the Application.	

9. Application Negotiations	9.1 The first-ranked Applicant stated under Clause 8.5 shall then be invited for negotiations, pursuant to Rule 122 of the Public Procurement Rule, 2008 at the address of the client.
	9.2 If this fails, negotiate with the second-ranked Applicant, and if this fails negotiate with the third-ranked Applicant, with the hope that successful negotiations are concluded
	9.3 During negotiations, the Client and the Applicant shall finalize the “Terms of Reference”, work schedule, logistics and reporting schedule etc. These documents shall then be incorporated into the Contract as Description of Services”
	9.4 The Financial negotiations will involve the remuneration and other reimbursable cost to be paid to the Applicant.
	9.5 Negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft Contract. To complete negotiations the Client and the Applicant will initial the agreed Contract
D. Award of Contract	
10. Award of Contract	10.1 After completing negotiations and having received the approval to award the contract, the Client shall sign the Contract with the selected Applicant.
11. Debriefing	11.1 After signature of the Contract, the Client shall promptly notify other Applicants that they were unsuccessful.
	11.2 The Client shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Applicant who request the client in writing to explain on which grounds its application was not selected.
12. Commencement of Services	12.1 The applicant is expected to commence the assignment on December 2018 at the location of ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase-II), DSHE, Dhaka. The duration of the contract shall be not more than 24 person-months from the date of commencement.

Section 2. Terms of Reference

A. Back Ground and General Description

Bangladesh is a low middle income country having a robust and consistent economic growth between 6-7 percent over the last decade. In order to keep this economic growth on track and achieving the goals of sustainable development, the country has been focusing on the appropriate use of national resources with due regard to transparency and efficiency for better service delivery. Information and communication technologies (ICT) have become commonplace entities in all aspects of life. Across the past twenty years the use of ICT has fundamentally changed the practices and procedures of nearly all forms of endeavor within business and governance. Education is a very socially oriented activity and quality education has traditionally been associated with strong teachers having high degrees of personal contact with learners. The use of ICT in education lends itself to more student-centered learning settings. But with the world moving rapidly into digital media and information, the role of ICT in education is becoming more and more important and this importance will continue to grow and develop in the 21st century. For Bangladesh, now the effective use of ICT in the teaching learning process for quality and accessibility of education and learning motivation has become our national destiny. ICT is a tool that will enable Bangladesh to achieve the goal of becoming a strong, prosperous and self-confident nation. In doing so, ICT promises to compress the time it would otherwise take Bangladesh to advance rapidly in the march of development and occupy a position of honor and pride in the comity of nations.

B. Objectives of the Services Required

The main objective of this assignment is to expand and strengthen ICT education in Bangladesh. The other objectives of the assignment is to: (i) support the Project for all procurement process starting from bidding document preparation to award the contract and (ii) closely monitor the contract management process of the signed contracts of Project on behalf PD, DG, DSHE and Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division (SHED) for proper integration of the project. Additionally, the Consultant, in coordination with other relevant teams/consultants, is expected to provide overall technical and advisory support in the design and implementation of various other aspects of the project.

C. Scope of the Services required (Terms of References)

One procurement consultant/specialist will be appointed for smooth procurements under the project. All sorts of technical support will be ensured by the consultant. The consultant will follow the following ToR:

- 1) Development of procurement plan in details with suggestion for approval process
- 2) Suggest tender procedures as per PPA, PPR, delegation of financial power for goods, services
- 3) Preparation of tender documents/bid document and suggest for approval
- 4) Tender processing for all sorts of items/consultancy/studies
- 5) For each tender for goods/services design flow chart with required time
- 6) Provide technical assistance for E-tendering
- 7) Provide technical support for Tender Opening and Tender Evaluation and suggest for approval
- 8) Assist in writing report, minutes, and notification of award, contract etc.
- 9) Prepare record keeping systems for procurement related hardcopy and softcopy
- 10) Assist in organizing meeting related to procurement

- 11) Prepare summary for cabinet purchase committee/Ministry/Directorate for approval
- 12) Provide supporting documents from CPTU or other organization
- 13) Provide technical support/consultancy for all legal issues with supporting documents.
- 14) All monitoring and quality assurance for tender and procurement
- 15) Submit monthly, quarterly and annual report on assignment

Any other issues related to procurement quality, plan, budget, approval will be meeting up by the consultant.

D. Qualification of the consultant

The following skills and knowledge are necessary to carry out the consultancy:

- Post-graduate qualification (Masters in Engineering/ Supply Chain Management/ Economics / Statistics/ Business Studies/Social Science/ Education/ Law/Environmental Science or suitable equivalency);
- Diploma in Procurement will be treated as an extra qualification;
- Training on PPA, PPR will get preference;
- At least 7 years of experience in the procurement field or have had responsibilities with a substantial content of his / her position in the procurement area (use of nationally and internationally accepted contract documents for works, goods and services)
- Minimum 2 years' experience (out of 7 years) as Procurement Consultant/Junior Consultant.
- Having sound understanding of principles underlying good procurement practices and international agencies' procurement guidelines; understanding of Government's procurement Act/Rules; analytical capability in identifying and resolving advanced procurement issues;
- Specialized knowledge of procurement of goods and services, preparation of bidding / contract documents for the international procurement of goods, services; public procurement policies; sustainable procurement; advanced contract management etc.;
- Practical knowledge and understanding of e-Government Procurement (e-GP);
- Knowledge and experience in technical, commercial and legal aspects of procurement of the World Bank/ADB- financed project will be an added advantage;
- Strong communication skills in presenting, discussing and resolving difficult issues;
- Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a multidisciplinary team.

E. Reporting Obligations

The consultant will be required to submit a conceptual report within 15 (Fifteen) days of the signing of the contract. It will be required to submit Monthly Progress Report on the activity planned and performed to the Project Director. The consultant will submit draft report within 60 (sixty) days, and the Final Report on completion the contract.

F. Copyright

All rights of copyright concerning the material produced by consultant will remain the property of Project under the Secondary and Higher Education Division.

G. Supervisory arrangements

The consultant shall directly work with the Project Director in liaison with development partners and other concerned entities, who will collaborate with the consultant in obtaining all the required documents and materials, as well as in communication with the main beneficiaries of the assignment. The consultant will be supervised by PD office and report regularly to PD primarily and ultimately to the Ministry through the PD.

H. Counterpart Support

The DSHE/ICT project will provide office space, logistics and institutional supports. The procurement unit staff of the ICTP will assist the Procurement Consultant/Specialist for carrying out the assignment.

I. Expected Outputs

- A comprehensive procurement plan of the project, if required;
- Drafting of bidding documents, request for proposals (RFP), Bid evaluation reports, contracts and other relevant documents of project under the guidance of Project Director;
- Monitoring of the procurement activities of the project;
- Providing procurement training to officers' of ICTP and DSHE;
- Reviewing the bidding documents (as instructed by PD);

J. Deliverables

- Monthly Activity Report;
- Quarterly Summarized report;
- Final Report.

K. Duration of the Assignment

The duration of the assignment will be approximately Twenty Four (24) person-months. However the duration of the assignment may be increased or reduced according to the capability of the consultant, project needs and budget.

- (a) Selection Criteria: As per Clause 8.2
- (b) Indicative Work Programme and Location(s) of the various activities to be carried out by the Consultant : PD's Office, ICT-II Project, Location: DSHE

The 'Terms of reference' as stated in Section 2, shall be modified at the time of Negotiation as "Description of Services" in ANNEX 'A' of the Contract Agreement.

Section 3. Application Forms

Form 3A : Application Submission Form

Form 3B : CV of the Applicant

Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable

Form 3A. Application Submission

[Location: dd/mm/yy]

To:

Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Sobur Khan
Project Director
ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase-II)
Shikkha Bhaban, Block-1, (Ground floor, Room #122), 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000

Dear Sirs:

I am hereby submitting my Application to provide the consulting Services for [Insert title of assignment] in strict accordance with your Request for Application dated [dd/mm/yy].

I declare that I was not associated, nor have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a Consultant or any other entity that has prepared the design, specifications and others documents in accordance with Clause 5.

I further declare that I have not been declared ineligible by the Government of Bangladesh on charges of engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Clause 4.

I undertake, if I am selected, to commence the consulting Services for the assignment not later than the date indicated in Clause 12.1.

I understand that you are not bound to accept any Application that you may receive.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Print name

Address:

Tel:

Attachment:

Form 3B. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Applicant

1	PROPOSED POSITION FOR THIS PROJECT :	<i>[From the Terms of Reference, state the position for which the Consultant will be engaged.]</i>		
2	NAME OF PERSON :	<i>[state full name]</i>		
3	DATE OF BIRTH :	<i>[dd/mm/yy]</i>		
4	NATIONALITY :			
5	MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES	<i>[state rank and name of society and year of attaining that rank].</i>		
6	EDUCATION	<i>[list all the colleges/universities which the Applicant attended, stating degrees obtained, and dates, and list any other specialised education of the Applicant].</i>		
7	OTHER TRAINING	<i>[indicate significant training since degrees under EDUCATION were obtained, which is pertinent to the proposed tasks of the Consultant].</i>		
8	LANGUAGES & DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY	<u>Language</u>	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Reading</u>
		<i>e.g. English</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
9	COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE			
10	EMPLOYMENT RECORD <i>[starting with present position list in reverse order [every employment held and state the start and end dates of each employment]</i>	<i>[The Applicant should clearly distinguish whether as an "employee" of the firm or as a "Consultant" or "Advisor" of the firm].</i>		
	EMPLOYER 1	FROM: <i>[e.g. January 1999]</i>	TO: <i>[e.g. December 2001]</i>	
	EMPLOYER 2	FROM:	TO:	
	EMPLOYER 3	FROM:	TO:	
	EMPLOYER 4 (etc)	FROM:	TO:	
11	WORK UNDERTAKEN THAT BEST ILLUSTRATES THE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE THIS ASSIGNMENT	<i>[give an outline of experience and training most pertinent to tasks on this assignment, with degree of responsibility held. Use about half of a page A4].</i>		
12	COMPUTER SKILL			

CERTIFICATION

[Do not amend this Certification].

I, the undersigned, certify that (i) I was not a former employee of the Client immediately before the submission of this proposal, and (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Signature

Print name

Date of Signing
dd / mm / yyyy

Form 3C. Indicative Remuneration & Expenses

The Consultant should provide an indication of the remuneration as per the format shown below. This will not be used for evaluation of the Consultant's Application but solely for the purposes of Application Negotiations to be held as stated in **Clause 9.1**.

(1) Remuneration

Rate (per month / day / hour in Tk)	Staff Time (No. month / day / hour)	Total (Tk)

Note: A month consists of 30 calendar days.

(2) Reimbursable (as applicable)

	Rate per unit	Total unit	Total Amount (Tk)
(a) Per Diem Allowance			
(b) Air Travel Costs			
(c) Other Travel Costs (state mode of travel)			
(d) Communication charges			
(e) Reproduction of Reports			
(f) Other Expenses (<i>to be listed</i>)			
		Sub-total	

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Section 4. Contract Forms

The **Contract Agreement**, which once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant, clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

4.1 Contract Agreement (Time-based)

THIS CONTRACT ("the Contract") is entered into this day of [dd/mm/yy], by and between [insert name of Client] ("the Procuring Entity") having its office at [insert address of Client], and [insert name of Consultant] ("the Consultant") having his/her address at [insert address of Consultant].

WHEREAS, the Client wishes to have the Consultant performing the Services hereinafter referred to, and
WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these Services,
NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

General

1. Services
 - 1.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services specified in Annex A (*Description of Services*), which are made an integral part of the Contract.
2. Duration
 - 2.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing from [dd/mm/yy] and continuing until [dd/mm/yy], or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.
3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices
 - 3.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.
 - 3.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Sub-Clause 3.5**
 - 3.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.
 - 3.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:
 - (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and
 - (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.

3.5 The Government defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

“corrupt practice” means offering, giving or promising to give, receiving, or soliciting either directly or indirectly, to any officer or employee of a Client or other public or private authority or individual, a gratuity in any form; employment or any other thing or service of value as an inducement with respect to an act or decision or method followed by a Client in connection with a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

“fraudulent practice” means the misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a decision to be taken in a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

“collusive practice” means a scheme or arrangement between two (2) or more Persons, with or without the knowledge of the Client, that is designed to arbitrarily reduce the number of Tenders submitted or fix Tender prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, thereby denying a Client the benefits of competitive price arising from genuine and open competition; or

“coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, Persons or their property to influence a decision to be taken in the Procurement proceeding or the execution of a Contract, and this will include creating obstructions in the normal submission process used for Tenders, Applications, Proposals or Quotations.

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| 4. Applicable Law | 4.1 | The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh |
| 5. Governing Language | 5.1 | The language governing the Contract shall be English, however for day to day communications in writing both Bangla and English may be used. |
| 6. Modification of Contract | 6.1 | The Contract shall only be modified by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 7. Ownership of Material | 7.1 | Any studies, reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client. |
| | 7.2 | The Consultant may, with the prior written approval of the Client, retain a copy of such documents and software, but shall not use them for purposes unrelated to the Contract. |
| 8. Relation between the Parties | 8.1 | Nothing contained in the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating any relationship other than that of independent Consultant between the Client and the Consultant. |
| 9. Contractual Ethics | 9.1 | No fees, gratuities, rebates, gifts, commissions or other payments, other than those shown in the Contract, shall have been given or received in connection with the selection process or in the contract execution. |

Payments to the Consultant

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| 10. Ceiling Amount | 10.1 | The Client shall pay the Consultant for the Services rendered pursuant to ‘Description of Services’ ‘a ceiling amount not to exceed Tk [insert amount], which includes remuneration and reimbursable expenses as set forth in Clauses 10.2. These amounts have been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant’s costs as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant. |
| | 10.2 | The composition of the Remuneration and Reimbursable which make up the ceiling amount are detailed in Annex B |

11. Remuneration
- 11.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for Services rendered with the rates agreed and specified in **ANNEX B** "Cost estimates for Services and Schedule of Rates". Remuneration rates shall be on monthly/daily/hourly [delete those inappropriate]
- 11.2 **Monthly Rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall include travel time, weekends and public holidays, and to the extent specified in Clause 15.2 shall also include periods of casual leave and sick leave. In cases where only part of a month is worked then remuneration shall be computed by dividing the monthly rate by 30 and multiplying by the number of days worked i.e. time spent (as described above) during that month;
- or**
- Daily rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall be determined solely on the basis of the number of days actually worked by the Consultant, and shall include travel time, but not weekends, public holidays, casual or sick leave
- or**
- Hourly rate:** The time spent in performing the Services shall be determined solely on the basis of the number of hours actually worked by the Consultant, and shall include travel time, but not weekends, public holidays, casual or sick leave.
12. Reimbursable
- 12.1 **Per Diem Allowance:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to per diem allowance in accordance with the agreed per diem rates.
- 12.2 **Travel Costs:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services away from the duty station, be entitled to travel costs in accordance with the agreed travel costs.
- 12.3 **Other Expenses:** The Consultant shall, when performing the Services, be entitled to reimbursement of any other expenses as detailed in **Annex B**.
- 12.4 For other reasonable reimbursable expenses not falling within the above three categories, but which may arise during performance of the Services, such expenses will only be reimbursed by the Client as it may at its sole discretion approve, subject to available of budget.
13. Payment Conditions
- 13.1 **Currency:** Payments shall be made in Bangladesh Taka by the end of each calendar month or within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the Invoice as the case may be.
- 13.2 **Advance Payment:** The Consultant shall, if he/she so requests, be entitled to a total advance payment, as specified in Annex B, to cover his/her out-of-pocket expenses which are to be recovered in equal installments from monthly amounts due to him/her.
- [For aid funded procurement Advance Payments may be applicable. However, for 100% GoB funded procurement Advance payments shall not be applicable unless otherwise specifically decided by The Government.]*
- 13.3 **Monthly Payments:** The Consultant shall submit an Invoice for Remuneration and Reimbursable at the end of every month and payments shall be made by the Client within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the invoice.
- 13.4 **Final Payment:** The final payment shall be made only after the final report shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory to the Client. If the Client notifies any deficiencies in the Services or the final report, the Consultant shall promptly make any

- necessary corrections, to the satisfaction of the Client.
- 13.5 **Suspension:** The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform his/her obligations under this Contract.
- 13.6 **Refund of Excess Payment:** Any amount if paid to the Consultant in excess of the amount actually payable under the provisions of the Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim from the Client, provided that such claim is lodged within three(3) months after the acceptance of the final report.

Obligations of the Consultant

14. Medical Arrangements 14.1 The Consultant shall, before commencement of the Services furnish the Client with a medical report providing evidence satisfactory to the Client that the Consultant is in good health and is not subject to any physical or mental disability which may interfere with his/her performance of the Services.
15. Working Hours and Leave 15.1 The Consultant shall, when engaged directly with the Client, follow the normal Working Hours and Holidays of the Client, and entitlement to leave as per the Client's Rules.
15.2 The Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover leave except otherwise specified in the Contract.
16. Performance Standard 16.1 The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.
17. Contract Administration 17.1 **Client's Representative**
The Client's representative, as indicated in Annex A, shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities under the Contract.
17.2 **Timesheets**
The Consultant providing Services may be required to complete standard timesheets or any other document to identify the time spent, as requested by the Client's Representative.
18. Confidentiality 18.1 The Consultant shall not, during the term of the Contract or within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, the Contract or the Client's business operations without the prior written consent of the Client.
19. Consultant's Liabilities 19.1 The Consultant shall continue to cooperate with the Client after the termination of the Contract, to such reasonable extent as may be necessary to clarify or explain any reports or recommendations made by the Consultant.
19.2 The Consultant shall report immediately to the Client any circumstances or events which might reasonably be expected to hinder or prejudice the performance of the Services.
20. Consultant not to be engaged in Certain Activities 20.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of the Contract and after its termination, the Consultant shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than any continuation of the Services under the Contract) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

Obligations of the Client

21. Services, Facilities and Property 21.1 The Client shall, free of any charge to the Consultant, make available for the purpose of carrying out the assignment data, local services, personnel, and facilities indicated in Annex A.

Termination and Settlement of Disputes

22. Termination
- 22.1 **By the Client**
The Client may terminate the Contract by not less than twenty-eight (28) days written notice to the Consultant, Such notice to be given after the occurrence of any event necessitating such termination.
- 22.2 **By the Consultant**
The Consultant may terminate the Contract, by not less than twenty eight (28) days written notice to the Client, if the Client fails to pay any monies due to the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
23. Dispute Resolution
- 23.1 **Amicable Settlement**
The Client and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.
- 23.2 **Arbitration**
If the dispute cannot be settled the same may be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2001 of Bangladesh as at present in force. The place of Arbitration shall be in Dhaka.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have signed this agreement the day and year first above written.

FOR THE CLIENT

FOR THE CONSULTANT

Signature

Signature

Print Name & Position:

Print Name:

The following documents forming the integral part of this contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

(a) The Form of contract

Annex A: Description of Services

Annex B: Cost Estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

Annex C: Consultant's Reporting Obligations

ANNEX A: Description of the Services

[Give detailed descriptions of the Services including its (a) Background, (b) Objectives, (c) Detailed negotiated TOR providing a description of Services to be provided , (d) Work plan with dates for completion of various tasks, (e) Place of performance of different tasks, (f) Specific tasks to be approved by the Client; etc.).

[also ensure the following data is listed in this Annex in conformity with the Contract Agreement.

- 1. The name of the main location (Duty Station) at which the Services are to be provided. Also advise if any other travel will be necessary, and if so, to which expected locations will the Consultant be required to travel.*
- 2. Indicate the Contact Addresses for Notices and Requests as indicated in Clause 22.1 of the Contract Agreement.*

(a) Address of the Client:

*Project Director
ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher secondary Level Project (Phase II)
Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education
Shikkha Bhaban, Dhaka
Phone: 41050101
e-mail: pd-ict@dshe.gov.bd, pdict2@gmail.com*

(b) Address of the Client:

(With phone number, Fax number & e-mail)

- 3. Logistics and facilities to be provided to the Consultant by the Client are listed below:*
 - Facilities will be provided as agreed by both Client & the Consultant at the time of contract agreement.*

ANNEX B: Cost estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

(A) Remuneration

Name of Consultant	Rate, Taka	Quantity	Total Taka
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) = (b) x (c)
Remuneration is made on a [<i>state monthly, daily or hourly</i>] rate		Sub-Total (A)	

(B) Reimbursable

Items of reimbursable	Unit	Qty	Rate(Taka)	Total (Taka)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e) = (c) x (d)
(a) Per Diem Allowance				
(b) Air Travel Costs				
(c) Other Travel cost				
(d) Communication charges				
(e) Reproduction of reports				
(f) Other Expenses (to be listed)				
<i>Supporting documents and vouchers must be attached with the invoice</i>		Sub-total (B) =		

CONTRACT CEILING (A) +(B)=	Total =
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ANNEX C: Consultant's Reporting Obligations

(Sample Format)

Sl. No.	Reports	Contents of Reports	Persons to Receive them	Date of Submission
1	Inception Report			
2	Interim Progress Report (a) First Status Report (b) Second Status Report			
3	Draft Report			
4	Final Report			