



Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan
Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
Afghan Telecommunication Corporation (AFTEL)

STANDARD BIDDING DOCUMENT

International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

**Procurement of ISP Backbone Equipment for KBL and
Regional Sites**

Lump sum Contract

Address: Mohammad Jan Khan Watt, MOCIT, Post Building, 4th Floor, Procurement Department

Reference No: MCIT-AFTEL/1402/G-015/ICB:

No of Lots: One lot

Budget No: Afghan Telecom Corporation Own budget

Issued On: January 3 ,2024

ACRONYMS

BDS	Bidding Data Sheet
BRT	Business Receipt Tax
GCC	General Conditions of Contract
GoA	Government of Afghanistan
ITB	Instruction to Bidders
JV	Joint Venture
MOF	Ministry of Finance
NOT	National Open Tender
NOT/G	National Open Tender for the procurement of Goods
PPU	Procurement Policy Unit
SCC	Special Conditions of Contract
SBD	Standard Bidding Documents
SK	Sukok Tax
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TS	Technical Specifications

SECTION 1 INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

A. GENERAL	
1. Scope of the Bid	1.1 The Purchaser, as indicated in the Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) , issues these Bidding Documents for the supply of Goods, and Related Services incidental thereto, as specified in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements . The name and identification number of this Tender are specified in the BDS . The name, identification, and number of lots are provided in the BDS .
	1.2 Throughout these Bidding Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the term “IN WRITING” means communicated in written form (e.g. by email, fax, telex) with proof of receipt; (b) if the context so requires, “SINGULAR” means “PLURAL” and vice versa; and (c) “DAY” means calendar day.
2. Source of Funds	2.1 The Purchaser guarantees that adequate public funds have been budgeted and allotted and are also available for managing the procurement proceedings toward the cost of the project. The Purchaser intends to apply a portion of the public funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Bidding Documents are issued.
	2.2 The Purchaser guarantees that the adequate public funds are available. For the purpose of this provision, “PUBLIC FUNDS” defines any monetary resources appropriated to procuring entities under Government budget, or revenues generated by statutory bodies and corporations or aid grants and credits put at the disposal of procuring entities by the development partners through the Government.
3. Fraud and Corruption	3.1 It is the Government’s policy to require that Purchasers, as well as Bidders, Suppliers, and Contractors and their subcontractors under Government-financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts ¹ . In pursuance of this policy, the Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Defines, for the purpose of this provision, the terms set forth as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) “CORRUPT PRACTICE” is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party²;

¹In this context, any action taken by a Bidder, Supplier, Contractor, or a sub-Contractor to influence the procurement process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.

²“ANOTHER PARTY” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution. In this context, “PUBLIC OFFICIAL” includes Government staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

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	<p>(ii) “FRAUDULENT PRACTICE” is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party³ to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;</p> <p>(iii) “COLLUSIVE PRACTICE” is an arrangement between two or more parties⁴ designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;</p> <p>(iv) “COERCIVE PRACTICE” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party⁵ or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;</p> <p>(v) “OBSTRUCTIVE PRACTICE” is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Government investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or• Acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government’s inspection and audit rights provided for under sub-clause 3.1(e) below. <p>(b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;</p> <p>(c) Will sanction and prosecute any procurement official if it finds out that at any time that representative of the procuring entity engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices during the procurement or the execution of the contract, without the procuring entity having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Government to address such practices when they occur;</p> <p>(d) ; will sanction a firm or individual, including declaring ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a Go financed contract if it at any time determines that the firm has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive,</p>
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³A “PARTY” refers to a public official; the terms “BENEFIT” and “OBLIGATION” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “ACT OR OMISSION” is intended to influence the procurement process contract execution.

⁴“PARTIES” refers to participants in the procurement process (including officials) attempting to establish Bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁵a “PARTY” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

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	<p>coercive or obstructive practices in competing for, or in executing, a GoA financed contract; and</p> <p>(e) will have the right to require that a provision be included in bidding documents and in contracts financed by the GoA, requiring Bidders, suppliers, and contractors and their sub-contractors to permit the Government to inspect their accounts and records and other documents relating to the Bid submission and contract performance and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Government.</p>
<p>4. Eligible Bidders</p>	<p>4.1 A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, may have the nationality of any country, subject to the restrictions specified in BDS. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including Related Services.</p> <p>4.2 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if they:</p> <p>(a) are or have been affiliated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by the Purchaser to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods to be purchased under these Bidding Documents; or</p> <p>(b) Submit more than one Bid in this bidding process, except for alternative offers permitted under ITB Clause 13. However, this does not limit the participation of subcontractors in more than one Bid.</p> <p>4.3 A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the GoA in accordance with ITB Clause 3, at the date of contract award, shall not be eligible to be awarded a contract. The list of debarred firms is available at the electronic address specified in the BDS.</p> <p>4.4 Government owned enterprises shall be eligible only if they can establish that they do not have conflict of interest.</p> <p>4.5 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Purchaser, as the Purchaser shall reasonably request.</p>
<p>5. Eligible Goods and</p>	<p>5.1 All the Goods and Related Services to be supplied under the Contract may have their origin in any country in accordance with specifications made in BDS.</p>

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Related Services	5.2 For purposes of this Clause, the term “GOODS” includes commodities, raw material, machinery, equipment, and industrial plants; and “RELATED SERVICES” includes services such as insurance, installation, training, and initial maintenance.
	5.3 The term “ORIGIN” means the country where the goods have been mined, grown, cultivated, produced, manufactured or processed; or, through manufacture, processing, or assembly, another commercially recognized article results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics from its components.
B. CONTENTS OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS	
6. Sections of Bidding Documents	6.1 The Bidding Documents consist of Parts 1, 2, and 3, which include all the Sections indicated below, and should be read in conjunction with any Addendum issued in accordance with ITB Clause 8. PART 1 Bidding Procedures Section 1 Instructions to Bidders (ITB) Section 2 Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) Section 3 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria Section 4 Bidding Forms PART 2 Supply Requirements Section 5 Schedule of Requirements PART 3 Contract Section 6 General Conditions of Contract (GCC) Section 7 Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) Section 8 Contract Forms
	6.2 The Invitation for Bids issued by the Purchaser is not part of the Bidding Documents.
	6.3 The Purchaser is not responsible for the completeness of the Bidding Documents and their addendum, if they were not obtained directly from the Purchaser or through its agent as stated in the BDS.
	6.4 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Documents. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Documents may result in the rejection of the Bid.
	7.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents shall contact the Purchaser in writing at the Purchaser’s

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<p>7. Clarification of Bidding Documents</p>	<p>address specified in the BDS. The Purchaser will respond in writing to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the deadline for submission of Bids. The Purchaser shall forward copies of its response to all those who have acquired the Bidding Documents directly from it, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Purchaser deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB Clause 8 and ITB Sub-Clause 24.2.</p>
	<p>7.2 To clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter arising in the Bidding Documents, the Purchaser may, if stated in the BDS, invite prospective Bidders to a Pre-Bidding Meeting at the place, date and time as specified in the BDS. Bidders are encouraged to attend the meeting, if it is held.</p>
	<p>7.3 The Bidder is requested to submit any questions in writing so as to reach the Purchaser not later than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.</p>
	<p>7.4 Minutes of the pre-Bidding meeting, including the text of the questions raised and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be transmitted within seven (7) days to all those who purchased the Bidding Documents. Any modification to the Bidding Documents listed in ITB Sub-Clause 6.1 that may become necessary as a result of the pre-Bidding meeting shall be made by the Purchaser exclusively through the issue of an Amendment pursuant to ITB Clause 10 and not through the minutes of the pre-Bidding Meeting.</p>
	<p>7.5 Non-attendance at the pre-Bidding meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder.</p>
<p>8. Amendment of Bidding Documents</p>	<p>8.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bids, the Purchaser may amend the Bidding Documents by issuing addendum.</p>
	<p>8.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Documents and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Bidding Documents directly from the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their Bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Bids, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 24.2.</p>
<p>C. PREPARATION OF BIDS</p>	

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<p>9. Cost of Bidding</p>	<p>9.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Purchaser shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.</p>
<p>10. Language of Bid</p>	<p>10.1 The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language specified in the BDS. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages into the language specified in the BDS, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.</p>
<p>11. Documents Comprising the Bid</p>	<p>11.1 The Bid shall comprise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Bid Submission Form and the applicable Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Clauses 12, 14, and 15; (b) Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, in accordance with ITB Clause 21, if required; (c) written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder, in accordance with ITB Clause 22; (d) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clause 16 establishing the Bidder’s eligibility to bid; (e) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clause 17, that the Goods and Related Services to be supplied by the Bidder are of eligible origin; (f) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clauses 18 and 30, that the Goods and Related Services conform to the Bidding Documents; (g) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clause 19 establishing the Bidder’s qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted; and (h) Any other document required in the BDS.
<p>12. Bid Submission Form and Price Schedules</p>	<p>12.1 The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form furnished in Section 4 Bidding Forms. This form must be completed without any alterations to its format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested</p> <p>12.2 The Bidder shall submit the Price Schedules for Goods and Related Services, according to their origin as appropriate, using the forms furnished in Section 4 Bidding Forms.</p>

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13. Alternative Bids	13.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS , alternative Bids shall not be considered.
14. Bid Prices and Discounts	14.1 The prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Bid Submission Form and in the Price Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below.
	14.2 All lots and items must be listed and priced separately in the Price Schedules.
	14.3 The price to be quoted in the Bid Submission Form shall be the total price of the Bid, excluding any discounts offered.
	14.4 The Bidder shall quote any unconditional discounts and indicate the method for their application in the Bid Submission Form.
	14.5 The terms EXW, CIP ⁶ , DAF or CIF in a neighboring country and other similar terms shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of <i>Incoterms</i> , published by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, as specified in the BDS .
	14.6 Prices shall be quoted as specified in each Price Schedule included in Section 4 Bidding Forms . The dis-aggregation of price components is required solely for the purpose of facilitating the comparison of Bids by the Purchaser. This shall not in any way limit the Purchaser's right to contract on any of the terms offered. In quoting prices, the Bidder shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible country. Similarly, the Bidder may obtain insurance services from any eligible country. Prices shall be entered in the following manner: (a) For Goods manufactured in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan: (i) the price of the Goods quoted EXW (ex-works, ex-factory, ex warehouse, ex showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable), including all customs duties and sales and other taxes including Business Receipt Tax (BRT) and Sukok Tax, already paid or payable on the components and raw material used in the manufacture or assembly of the Goods; (ii) any Islamic Republic of Afghanistan sales tax and other taxes including Business Receipt Tax (BRT) and Sukok Tax, which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and (iii) The price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods to their final destination specified in the BDS .

⁶ The use of CIP requires that customs clearance takes place at the place of destination.

	<p>(b) For Goods manufactured outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, to be imported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the price of the Goods, quoted CIP named place of destination, in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, or CIF named port of destination, as specified in the BDS;(ii) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods from the named place of destination to their final destination specified in the BDS;(iii) In addition to the CIP prices specified in (b) (i) above, the price of the Goods to be imported may be quoted FCA (named place of destination) or CPT (named place of destination), if so specified in the BDS. <p>(c) For Goods manufactured outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, already imported:</p> <p><i>[For previously imported Goods, the quoted price shall be distinguishable from the original import value of these Goods declared to customs and shall include any rebate or mark-up of the local agent or representative and all local costs except import duties and taxes, which have been and/or have to be paid by the Purchaser. For clarity the Bidders are asked to quote the price including import duties, and additionally to provide the import duties and the price net of import duties which is the difference of those values.]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the price of the Goods, including the original import value of the Goods; plus any mark-up (or rebate); plus any other related local cost, and custom duties and other import taxes already paid or to be paid on the Goods already imported;(ii) the custom duties and other import taxes already paid (need to be supported with documentary evidence) or to be paid on the Goods already imported;(iii) the price of the Goods, obtained as the difference between (i) and (ii) above;(iv) any Islamic Republic of Afghanistan sales and other taxes including Business Receipt Tax (BRT) and Sukok Tax, which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and(v) The price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods from the named place of destination to their final destination specified in the BDS. <p>(d) for Related Services, other than inland transportation and other services required to convey the Goods to their final destination,</p>
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	<p>whenever such Related Services are specified in the Schedule of Requirements:</p> <p>(i) The price of each item comprising the Related Services (inclusive of any applicable taxes including Business Receipt Tax (BRT) and Sukok Tax).</p> <p>14.7 Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder’s performance of the Contract and not subject to variation on any account, unless otherwise specified in the BDS. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation shall be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected, pursuant to ITB Clause 30. However, if in accordance with the BDS, prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract, a Bid submitted with a fixed price quotation shall not be rejected, but the price adjustment shall be treated as zero.</p> <p>14.8 If so indicated in ITB Sub-Clause 1.1, Bids are being invited for individual contracts (lots) or for any combination of contracts (packages). Unless otherwise indicated in the BDS, prices quoted shall correspond to 100 % of the items specified for each lot and to 100% of the quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Contract shall specify the applicable price reduction in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4 provided the Bids for all lots are submitted and opened at the same time.</p>
<p>15. Currencies of Bid</p>	<p>15.1 The Bidder shall quote in the currency of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan the portion of the Bid price that corresponds to expenditures incurred in the currency of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, unless otherwise specified in the BDS.</p> <p>15.2 The Bidder may express the Bid price in the currency of any country in accordance with Eligible countries specified in the BDS. If the Bidder wishes to be paid in a combination of amounts in different currencies, it may quote its price accordingly but shall use no more than three currencies in addition to the currency of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.</p>
<p>16. Documents Establishing the Eligibility of the Bidder</p>	<p>16.1 To establish their eligibility in accordance with ITB Clause 4, Bidders shall complete the Bid Submission Form, included in Section 4 Bidding Forms.</p>
<p>17. Documents Establishing the Eligibility of the Goods</p>	<p>17.1 To establish the eligibility of the Goods and Related Services in accordance with ITB Clause 5, Bidders shall complete the country of origin declarations in the Price Schedule Forms, included in Section 4 Bidding Forms.</p>

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and Related Services	
18. Documents Establishing the Conformity of the Goods and Related Services	<p>18.1 To establish the conformity of the Goods and Related Services to the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid the documentary evidence that the Goods conform to the technical specifications and standards specified in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements.</p> <p>18.2 The documentary evidence may be in the form of literature, drawings or data, and shall consist of a detailed item by item description of the essential technical and performance characteristics of the Goods and Related Services, demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the Goods and Related Services to the technical specification, and if applicable, a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Schedule of Requirements.</p> <p>18.3 The Bidder shall also furnish a list giving full particulars, including available sources and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the Goods during the period specified in the BDS following commencement of the use of the goods by the Purchaser.</p> <p>18.4 Standards for workmanship, process, material, and equipment, as well as references to brand names or catalogue numbers specified by the Purchaser in the Schedule of Requirements, are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The Bidder may offer other standards of quality, brand names, and/or catalogue numbers, provided that it demonstrates, to the Purchaser’s satisfaction, that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence or are superior to those specified in the Schedule of Requirements.</p>
19. Documents Establishing the Qualifications of the Bidder	<p>19.1 The documentary evidence of the Bidder’s qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted shall establish to the Purchaser’s satisfaction:</p> <p>(a) that, if required in the BDS, a Bidder that does not manufacture or produce the Goods it offers to supply shall submit the Manufacturer’s Authorization using the form included in Section 4 Bidding Forms to demonstrate that it has been duly authorized by the manufacturer or producer of the Goods to supply these Goods in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;</p> <p>(b) that, if required in the BDS, in case of a Bidder not doing business within the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in the country equipped and able to carry out the Supplier’s maintenance, repair and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications; and</p>

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	(c) That the Bidder meets each of the qualification criterion specified in Section 3 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.
20. Period of Validity of Bids	20.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS after the Bid submission deadline date prescribed by the Purchaser. A Bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.
	20.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Bid validity period, the Purchaser may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a Bid Security is requested in accordance with ITB Clause 21, it shall also be extended for a corresponding period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its Bid Security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its Bid, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 20.3.
	20.3 In the case of fixed price contracts, if the award is delayed by a period exceeding fifty-six (56) days beyond the expiry of the initial Bid validity, the Contract price shall be adjusted as specified in the request for extension. Bid evaluation shall be based on the Bid Price without taking into consideration the above correction.
21. Bid Security	21.1 The Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid, a Bid Security or a Bid-Securing Declaration, if required, as specified in the BDS.
	21.2 The Bid Security shall be in the amount specified in the BDS and denominated in the currency of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan or a freely convertible currency, and shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) At the Bidder’s option, be in the form of either a letter of credit, or a bank guarantee from a banking institution; (b) Be issued by a reputable institution selected by the Bidder and located in any eligible country. If the institution issuing the bid security is located outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to make it enforceable; (c) be substantially in accordance with one of the forms of Bid Security included in Section 4 Bidding Forms, or other form approved by the Purchaser prior to Bid submission; (d) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Purchaser in case the conditions listed in ITB Clause 21.5 are invoked; (e) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;

	<p>(f) Remain valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) days beyond the validity period of the Bids, as extended, if applicable, in accordance with ITB Clause 20.2.</p>
	<p>21.3 If a Bid Security or a Bid-Securing Declaration is required in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 21.1, any Bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 21.1, shall be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.</p>
	<p>21.4 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 44.</p>
	<p>21.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited or the Bid-Securing Declaration executed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if a Bidder modifies or withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, after the deadline for submission of bids, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 20.2; or (b) if a Bidder refuses to accept a correction of an arithmetical error appearing on the face of the bid; (c) if a Bidder had provided bogus information about his/her eligibility; (d) if the successful Bidder fails to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 43; (ii) Furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 44.
	<p>21.6 The Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration of a JV must be in the name of the JV that submits the Bid. If the JV has not been legally constituted at the time of bidding, the Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent mentioned in Section 4 Bidding Forms.</p>
	<p>21.7 If a Bid security is not required in the BDS, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if a Bidder withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 20.2, or (b) if the successful Bidder fails to sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 43; or furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 44; <p>the GoA may, if provided for in the BDS, declare the Bidder disqualified to be awarded a contract by the Purchaser for a period of time as stated in the BDS.</p>

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<p>22. Format and Signing of Bid</p>	<p>22.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the Bid as described in ITB Clause 11 and clearly mark it “ORIGINAL”. In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the Bid, in the number specified in the BDS and clearly mark them “COPY”. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.</p> <p>22.2 The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder.</p> <p>22.3 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Bid.</p>
<p align="center">D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS</p>	
<p>23. Submission, Sealing and Marking of Bids</p>	<p>23.1 Bidders may always submit their Bids by mail or by hand. When so specified in the BDS, Bidders shall have the option of submitting their Bids electronically.</p> <p>(a) Bidders submitting Bids by mail or by hand, shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, including alternative Bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB Clause 13, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “ORIGINAL” and “COPY.” These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope. The rest of the procedure shall be in accordance with ITB sub-Clauses 23.2 and 23.3.</p> <p>(b) Bidders submitting Bids electronically shall follow the electronic Bid submission procedures specified in the BDS.</p> <p>23.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:</p> <p>(a) Bear the name and address of the Bidder;</p> <p>(b) be addressed to the Purchaser in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.1;</p> <p>(c) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in ITB 1.1 and any additional identification marks as specified in the BDS; and</p> <p>(d) Bear a warning not to open before the time and date for Bid opening, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 27.1.</p> <p>23.3 If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Purchaser will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the Bid.</p>
	<p>24.1 Bids must be received by the Purchaser at the address and no later than the date and time specified in the BDS.</p>

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24. Deadline for Submission of Bids	24.2 The Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB Clause 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Purchaser and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.
25. Late Bids	25.1 The Purchaser shall not consider any Bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of Bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 24. Any Bid received by the Purchaser after the deadline for submission of Bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.
26. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids	26.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 23, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (the power of Attorney) in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 22.2, (except that no copies of the withdrawal notice are required). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be: (a) submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 22 and 23 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL,” “SUBSTITUTION,” or “MODIFICATION;” and (b) Received by the Purchaser prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 24.
	26.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 26.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
	26.3 No Bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.
27. Bid Opening	27.1 The Purchaser shall conduct the Bid opening in public at the address, date and time specified in the BDS . Any specific electronic Bid opening procedures required if electronic bidding is permitted in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.1, shall be as specified in the BDS .
	27.2 First, envelopes marked “WITHDRAWAL” shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding Bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. If the withdrawal envelope does not contain a copy of the “power of Attorney” confirming the signature as a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder, the corresponding Bid will be opened. No Bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at Bid opening. Next, envelopes marked “SUBSTITUTION” shall be

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	<p>opened and read out and exchanged with the corresponding Bid being substituted, and the substituted Bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No Bid substitution shall be permitted unless the corresponding substitution notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out at Bid opening. Envelopes marked “MODIFICATION” shall be opened and read out with the corresponding Bid. No Bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at Bid opening. Only envelopes that are opened and read out at Bid opening shall be considered further.</p>
	<p>27.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a modification; the Bid Prices, including any discounts and alternative offers; the presence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Purchaser may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at Bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at Bid opening except for late Bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 25.1.</p>
	<p>27.4 The Purchaser shall prepare a record of the Bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, substitution, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts, and alternative offers if they were permitted; and the presence or absence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if one was required. The Bidders’ representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the attendance sheet. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted Bids in time, and posted online when electronic bidding is permitted.</p>
<p>E. EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS</p>	
<p>28. Confidentiality</p>	<p>28.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of Bids, and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until publication of the Contract Award.</p>
	<p>28.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of the Bids or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Bid.</p>
	<p>28.3 Notwithstanding ITB Sub-Clause 28.2, from the time of Bid opening to the time of Contract Award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Purchaser on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing.</p>
<p>29. Clarification of Bids</p>	<p>29.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the Bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, ask any</p>

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	<p>Bidder for a clarification of its Bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid and that is not in response to a request by the Purchaser shall not be considered. The Purchaser's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Purchaser in the Evaluation of the Bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 31.</p>
<p>30. Responsiveness of Bids</p>	<p>30.1 The Purchaser's determination of a Bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the Bid itself.</p> <p>30.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Goods and Related Services specified in the Contract; or (b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Purchaser's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or (c) If rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive Bids. <p>30.3 If a Bid is not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, it shall be rejected by the Purchaser and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>
<p>31. Non-conformities, Errors, and Omissions</p>	<p>31.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that do not constitute a material deviation.</p> <p>31.2 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.</p> <p>31.3 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in

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	<p>the opinion of the Purchaser there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;</p> <p>(b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and</p> <p>(c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.</p>
	<p>31.4 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated Bid does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid shall be rejected and its Bid Security forfeited or Bid-Securing Declaration executed as provided for in Sub-Clause 21.5 (b).</p>
<p>32. Preliminary Examination of Bids</p>	<p>32.1 The Purchaser shall examine the Bids to confirm that all documents and technical documentation requested in ITB Clause 11 have been provided, and to determine the completeness of each document submitted.</p> <p>32.2 The Purchaser shall confirm that the following documents and information have been provided in the Bid. The offer shall be rejected if any of these documents or information is missing:</p> <p>(a) Bid Submission Form, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.1;</p> <p>(b) Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.2;</p> <p>(c) Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, in accordance with ITB Clause 21, if applicable.</p>
<p>33. Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation</p>	<p>33.1 The Purchaser shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions specified in the GCC and the SCC have been accepted by the Bidder without any material deviation or reservation.</p> <p>33.2 The Purchaser shall evaluate the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 18, to confirm that all requirements specified in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents have been met without any material deviation or reservation.</p> <p>33.3 If, after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Purchaser determines that the Bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 30, it shall reject the Bid.</p>
<p>34. Conversion to Single Currency</p>	<p>34.1 For evaluation and comparison purposes, the Purchaser shall convert all Bid prices expressed in amounts in various currencies into an amount in a single currency specified in the BDS, using the selling exchange rates established by the source and on the date specified in the BDS.</p>

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35. Domestic Preference	35.1 Domestic preference shall not be a factor in Bid evaluation, unless otherwise specified in the BDS.
36. Evaluation of Bids	36.1 The Purchaser shall evaluate each Bid that has been determined, up to this stage of the evaluation, to be substantially responsive.
	36.2 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall only use all the factors, methodologies and criteria defined in ITB Clause 36. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.
	36.3 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall consider the following: (a) evaluation will be done for Items or Lots, as specified in the BDS; and the Bid Price as quoted in accordance with clause 14; (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 31.3; (c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4; (d) adjustments due to the application of the evaluation criteria specified in the BDS from amongst those set out in Section 3 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria; (e) Adjustments due to the application of a margin of preference, in accordance with ITB Clause 35, if applicable.
	36.4 The Purchaser's evaluation of a Bid will exclude and not take into account: (a) In the case of Goods manufactured in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, sales and any other tax, which will be payable on the goods if a contract is awarded to the Bidder; (b) in the case of Goods manufactured outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, already imported or to be imported, customs duties and other import taxes levied on the imported Good, sales and other similar taxes, which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; (c) Any allowance for price adjustment during the period of execution of the contract, if provided in the Bid.
	36.5 The Purchaser's evaluation of a Bid may require the consideration of other factors, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14. These factors may be related to the characteristics, performance, and terms and conditions of purchase of the Goods and Related Services. The effect of the factors selected, if any, shall be expressed in monetary terms to facilitate comparison of Bids. The

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	<p>factors, methodologies and criteria to be used shall be as specified in ITB 36.3 (d).</p>
	<p>36.6 If so specified in the BDS, these Bidding Documents shall allow Bidders to quote separate prices for one or more lots, and shall allow the Purchaser to award one or multiple lots to more than one Bidder. The methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest-evaluated lot combinations, is specified in Section 3 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.</p>
	<p>36.7 No negotiation shall be held with the lowest or any other Bidder.</p>
	<p>36.8 A Bidder shall not be required, as a condition for award, to undertake responsibilities not stipulated in the Bidding Documents, to change its price or otherwise to modify its Bid.</p>
37. Comparison of Bids	<p>37.1 The Purchaser shall compare all substantially responsive Bids to determine the lowest-evaluated Bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 36.</p>
38. Post-qualification of the Bidder	<p>38.1 The Purchaser shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive Bid is qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.</p>
	<p>38.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB Clause 19.</p>
	<p>38.3 An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the Bid, in which event the Purchaser shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated Bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.</p>
39. Purchaser's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids	<p>39.1 The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to reject all bids at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.</p>
	<p>39.2 The Purchaser may reject all bids and cancel the procurement proceedings if it is justified by national interest, without incurring any liability to Bidders.</p>
<p>F. AWARD OF CONTRACT</p>	

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40. Award Criteria	40.1 The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated Bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
41. Purchaser's Right to Vary Quantities at Time of Award	41.1 At the time the Contract is awarded, the Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of Goods and Related Services originally specified in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements , provided this does not exceed the percentages specified in the BDS , and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the Bid and the Bidding Documents.
42. Notification of Award	42.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of Bid validity, the Purchaser shall notify the successful Bidder, in writing using the Notification of Award Form in Section 8 , that its Bid has been accepted.
	42.2 Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding Contract.
	42.3 The Purchaser shall publish in the PPU website as well as in the Procuring Entity website the results identifying the Bid and lot numbers and the following information: (i) name of each Bidder who submitted a Bid; (ii) Bid prices as read out at Bid opening; (iii) name and evaluated prices of each Bid that was evaluated; (iv) name of Bidders whose Bids were rejected and the reasons for their rejection; and (v) name of the winning Bidder, and the price it offered, as well as the description of Goods and delivery time offered. After publication of the award, unsuccessful Bidders may request in writing to the Purchaser for a debriefing seeking explanations for the failure of their Bids. The Purchaser shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Bidder who,
	42.4 After publication of contract award requests the Purchaser in writing to explain on which grounds its Bid was not selected.
43. Signing of Contract	43.1 Promptly after notification, the Purchaser shall send the successful Bidder the Agreement and the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC).
	43.2 Within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the Agreement, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return it to the Purchaser.
	43.3 Notwithstanding ITB 43.2 above, in case signing of the Contract Agreement is prevented by any export restrictions attributable to the Purchaser, to the country of the Purchaser, or to the use of the products/goods, systems or services to be supplied, where such export restrictions arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those products/goods, systems or services, the Bidder shall not be bound by its

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	<p>Bid, always provided, however, that the Bidder can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Purchaser and of the GoA that signing of the Contact Agreement has not been prevented by any lack of diligence on the part of the Bidder in completing any formalities, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the products/goods, systems or services under the terms of the Contract.</p>
44. Performance Security	<p>44.1 Within twenty-eight (28) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Purchaser, the successful Bidder, if required, shall furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the GCC, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section 8 Contract Forms, or another Form acceptable to the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>44.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security or execution of the Bid-Securing Declaration. In that event the Purchaser may award the Contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Purchaser to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.</p>
45. Advising Unsuccessful Bidders	<p>45.1 Upon the successful Bidder furnishing Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 44, and signing the Contract pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 43.2, the Purchaser shall promptly notify all other Bidders that their Bids have been unsuccessful, and shall discharge their Bid Securities pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 21.4.</p>
46. Bidder's Right to Complain	<p>46.1 Any Bidder has the right to complain if it has suffered or may suffer loss or damage due to a breach of a duty imposed on the Purchaser by the Public Procurement Law and Circulars.</p>
	<p>46.2 The Complaint shall be sent to the Administrative Review Committee established according to the Article 72(1) of the amended 2008 PPL. The place and address for the submission of complaints to the Administrative Authority is specified in the BDS.</p>

SECTION 2 BIDDING DATA SHEET

ITB Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the Instruction to Bidders
A. GENERAL	
ITB 1.1	<p>The Purchaser is: Afghan Telecommunication Corporation (AFTEL) Ministry of Communication & Information Technology,</p> <p>The Name and identification of this project is: Procurement of ISP Backbone Equipment for KBL and Regional Sites.</p> <p>Reference No: MCIT-AFTEL/1402/G-015/ICB</p> <p>Lump Sum Contract</p> <p>This Procurement is consisting of one lot only.</p> <p>Contract period: Five (5) Months and 10 days</p>
ITB 4.1	<p>Bidders from the following countries are not eligible: <i>NOT-APPLICABLE</i></p>
ITB 4.3	<p>A list of firms debarred from participating in Government Procurement is available at: A list of debarred firms is available at http://www.npa.gov.af</p>
ITB 5.1	<p>Goods and Related Services from the following countries are not eligible: <i>NONE</i></p>
B. CONTENTS OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS	
ITB 6.3	<p>The following are authorized agents on behalf of the Purchaser for the purpose of providing the Bidding Documents:</p> <p>S. Karimullah Akramy Procurement Facilitation Head Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4th floor, post parcel building Mohammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan Contact No; +93 (0) 202109184 E-mail: s.akramy@afghantelecom.af Copy to: faridullah.ahmadzai@afghantelecom.af</p>

ITB 7.1	<p>For <u>Clarification of Bid purposes</u> only, the Purchaser's address is:</p> <p>Attention:</p> <p>S. Karimullah Akramy Procurement Facilitation Head Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4th floor, post parcel building Mohammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan Contact No; +93 (0) 202109184</p> <p>E-mail: s.akramy@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>Copy to: faridullah.ahmadzai@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>Requests for clarification should be received by the Employer no later than: prior to bid submission date.</p>
ITB 7.2	<p>A Pre-Bid meeting shall be held:</p> <p>Address: Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Afghan Telecommunication Corporation (AFTEL), Procurement Directorate, Mohammad Jan Khan Watt, Post Parcel Building, 4th Floor</p> <p>Attention: S. Karimullah Akramy/ Procurement Facilitation Head /AFTEL</p> <p>E-mail: s.akramy@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>Copy to: faridullah.ahmadzai@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>Telephone: +93 (0) 0202109184</p> <p>Date and Time: January 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM Kabul local time</p>
C. PREPARATION OF BIDS	
ITB 10.1	The language of the Bid is: English.
ITB 11.1(h)	<p>The Bidder shall submit with its Bid the following additional documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catalogue/Brochure of detailed Technical literature/specifications, as supporting literature. 2. Updated Business License, all filled; 3. Valid ATRA License (if the bidder is local) 4. Manufacture Authorization letter 5. Signed & stamped forms stated in Section 4 (Bidding Forms) of this bid document; 6. Bid Security 7. Bid Signatory Authority; 8. One-year warranty after the sign after project implementation.

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	<p>9. Updated tax clearance document for the latest financial period before this bid opening session;</p> <p>10. Copies of Contracts for completed Same nature or supply of communication equipment’s experience in one year of the last five years;</p> <p>11. Copies of Completed contracts during last 5 years;</p> <p>12. Written evidences for Financial ability;</p> <p>13. Signed and stamped declaration of not-having conflict of interest;</p> <p>14. Signed and Stamped commitment that the bidder is not debarred;</p> <p>15. Signed and stamped commitment that the bidder is not convicted to any criminal issues within last two years; and</p> <p>16. Signed and stamped commitment that the bidder shall not be in liquidation or insolvency.</p> <p>17. Bidders must stamp all pages of bid document. Price schedule and the bidder’s qualification information must be filled and signed by authorized person.</p>
ITB 13.1	Alternative Bids: Shall not be considered
ITB 14.5	The <i>Incoterms</i> edition is: 2015
ITB 14.6 (a), (b), and (c)	<p>Replace ITB 14.6 (a), (b), and (c) with the following:</p> <p>The price shall be quoted in DDP, - Warehouse of Afghan Telecom corporation –Mahtab qala Kabul Afghanistan.</p> <p>The final destination: DDP, - Warehouse of Afghan Telecom corporation –Mahtab Qala Kabul Afghanistan</p> <p>The BRT will be deducted from gross billed amount while making payment.</p> <p>To facilitate understanding of, and compliance with, the tax laws, every bidder should refer to the Ministry of Finance’s website at www.mof.gov.af/tax. In that website, you will see an English language version.</p>
ITB 14.7	The prices quoted by the bidder SHALL NOT be adjustable
ITB 14.8	Prices quoted shall correspond to Minimum Quantities of all items specified in the Schedule of Requirement. This will be a lump Sum contract and the payment shall be made on actual volume ordered, supplied, inspected and accepted items, after expansion and activation of the specified region. The minimum assured quantities are indicated in Schedule of Requirements and Maximum Quantities to be ordered against this contract for different items.
ITB 15.1	<p>The bidder shall quote the bid price in USD.</p> <p>The bidder shall quote only in USD. The bid received in any other free convertible currencies will be converted to USD as per rate of exchange</p>

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	(selling rate) published by the Da Afghanistan Bank based on rate of exchange (selling rate) prevailing on the day of deadline for submission of bids and contract will be included in USD and paid accordingly.
ITB 15.2	Non-Eligible Countries have been listed in ITB 4.1, above in this BDS.
ITB 18.3	Period of time the Goods are expected to be functioning: The product useful life should be ten (10) years
ITB 19.1 (a)	Manufacturer's authorization is REQUIRED . The bidder must provide Manufacture's Authorization Letter for the product
ITB 19.1 (b)	After sales service the warranty period must be one (1) year after project implementation.
ITB 20.1	The Bid validity period shall be 120 days from the date of bid opening.
ITB 21.1	A Bid Security Shall Be required. Bid shall include a Bid security in the form of bank guarantee issued by bank using the form included in section 4 of bidding form and will remain valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of the bids. Failure to submit either a confirmation letter from a correspondent bank or a certification from the Central bank may result in rejection of bid security.
ITB 21.2	The amount of the Bid Security shall be: 71,000 (Seventy-One Thousand) USD or an equivalent amount in a freely-convertible currency valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of the bids i.e. 148 days from bid submission deadline. Note: Bidders submit bid security from a bank situated outside of Afghanistan, shall certify from that bank as well) If the bid security is issued by a financial institution that is located outside Afghanistan, such financial institution shall have a correspondent financial institution located in Afghanistan to make it enforceable. Bidders shall be allowed to submit bank guarantees directly issued by the bank of their choice located in any eligible country.
ITB 22.1	In addition to the original of the Bid, one copy shall be submitted.
ITB 21.3	The Bidder shall furnish, as part of the Bid, a Bid-Security

ITB 21.4	The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 44.
D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS	
ITB 23.1	<p>Bidders SHALL have the option of submitting Bid by hand or electronically considering the following:</p> <p>1- Those bidders who are willing to submit bids/offers by hand or physically must follow ITB 23.2 (c), 24.1, 27.1 and for Bid Security ITB 21.1 and 21.2.</p> <p>2- Due to lieu situation, those bidders who are willing to submit bids/offers by email, must consider the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert the offer in Zip Folder with password protection and send the offer before the deadline as stipulated in ITB 24.1 to Mr. Sefatullah Sajad- Procurement Director of AFTEL sefatullah.sajad@afghantelecom.af • Taking care of adequacy and maintains of integrity, confidentiality and authenticity of the bids submitted, the bidders are bound to share the Zip Folder password only on the date and time of bid opening session (at 10:00 AM Kabul Local Time) to Mr. Sefatullah Sajad. <p>The offer must be consisting of the Bid Security using the Form included in Section 4 Bidding Forms, (Form/08) and ITB 21.1 and ITB 21.2 and the original bid security submitted with the offer must be attested and confirmed by the concerned banks.</p>
ITB 23.1 (b)	When Bidder have the option to submit Bid electronically according to ITB 23.1
ITB 23.2 (c)	<p>The inner and outer envelopes shall bear the following additional identification marks:</p> <p>Afghan Telecom Corporation – Ministry of Communication and Information Technology -Kabul Afghanistan</p> <p>Due date and time of bid submission</p> <p>REF NO: MCIT-AFTEL/1402/G-015/ICB</p>

<p>ITB 24.1</p>	<p>For <u>Bid submission purposes only</u>, the Purchaser's address is:</p> <p>Sefatullah Sajad Chief Procurement Officer Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4th floor, post parcel building Mohammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan Contact No; +93 (0) 745210000 E-mail; sfatullah.sajad@afghantelecom.af Copy to: s.akramy@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>The deadline for submission of Bid is on DATE: February 4, 2024 - Time :10:00 am - Kabul Local Time <i>In case the specified date of bid opening is declared a holiday for the purchaser, the bids shall be opened at the above specified time on the next working day</i></p>
<p>ITB 27.1</p>	<p>The Bid Opening shall take place at:</p> <p>Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4th floor, post parcel building Mohammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan Contact No; +93 (0) 0202109184 E-mail: s.akramy@afghantelecom.af Copy to: faridullah.ahmadzai@afghantelecom.af</p> <p>Date & Time: February 4, 2024 / Time 10:00 am - Kabul Local Time <i>The bids shall be opened immediately after the bid submission deadline at the same place of bid submission.</i> <i>In case the specified date of bid opening is declared a holiday for the purchaser, the bids shall be opened at the above specified time on the next working day</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">E. EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS</p>	
<p>ITB 34.1</p>	<p>Bid expressed in different currencies shall be converted in (USD).</p> <p>The source of exchange rate shall be: Da Afghanistan Bank.</p> <p>The date of the exchange rate shall be: The date of bid opening (Transfer selling rate).</p>
<p>ITB 35.1</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

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ITB 36.3 (a)	Evaluation will be done for: Minimum Quantity of the items as indicated in Schedule of Requirements, Section: 5
ITB 36.3 (d)	Bidders shall refer to Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, for the evaluation methodology.
ITB 36.4	The purchaser shall evaluate the bid based on DDP price including the price for inland transportation, insurance, other local services required to convey the Goods to their final destination and unloading at the final destination. As stipulated in ITB 14.6 (a), (b), and (c) -MCIT-Kabul Afghanistan
ITB 36.6	Bidder Shall quote prices for all Items as indicated in Section 5, Schedule of Requirements
F. AWARD OF CONTRACT	
ITB 41.1	The minimum assured quantities are indicated in Schedule of Requirements and Maximum Quantities to be ordered against this contract for different items Note: This procurement shall be based on a lump sum contract. At the time the Contract is awarded, the Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of Goods and Related Services originally up to 25% specified in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements , provided this does not exceed the percentages 25% and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the Bid and the Bidding Documents.
ITB 46.2	Complaints shall be submitted to: Attention: Chief Procurement Officer Address: Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4th floor, post parcel building Mohammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan

SECTION 3 EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

This Section is to be considered as completing the ITB in describing the criteria that the Purchaser may use to evaluate a Bid and determine whether a Bidder has the required qualifications. No other criteria than those listed in this Section shall be used.

	Contents
1.	Domestic Preference (ITB 35.1)
2.	Evaluation Criteria (ITB 36.3 (d))
3.	Multiple Contracts (ITB 36.6)
4.	Post-Qualification Requirements (ITB 38.2)

1. DOMESTIC PREFERENCE (ITB 35.1 APPLICABLE)

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA (ITB 36.3 (D))

The Purchaser's evaluation of a Bid may take into account, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14.6, one or more of the following factors as specified in ITB Sub-Clause 36.3(d) and in BDS referring to ITB 36.3(d), using the following criteria and methodologies.

- (a) Delivery schedule, DDP as per *Incoterms 2015*(specified in the BDS)
- (b) Deviation in payment schedule *Not Applicable*:
- (c) Cost of major replacement components, mandatory spare parts, and service *Not Applicable*:
- (d) Availability in the Islamic Emerits of Afghanistan of spare parts and after sales services for equipment offered in the Bid.:
- (e) Projected operating and maintenance costs. *Not Applicable*:
- (f) Performance and productivity of the equipment
- (g) Specific additional criteria *Not Applicable*

3. MULTIPLE CONTRACTS (ITB 36.6) NOT APPLICABLE

The Purchaser shall award multiple contracts to the Bidder that offers the lowest evaluated combination of Bids (one contract per Lot or may be for all lots) and meets the post-qualification criteria paragraph 4 below.

The Purchaser shall:

- (a) Evaluate only the lots or contracts that include at least the percentage of items per lot and the quantity per item as specified in ITB Sub Clause 14.8.
- (b) Take into account:
 - (i) The lowest-evaluated Bid for each lot;
 - (ii) The price reduction per lot and the methodology for its application as offered by the Bidder in its Bid.

4. POST-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (ITB 38.2) APPLICABLE

After determining the lowest-evaluated Bid in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 37.1, the Purchaser shall carry out the post-qualification of the Bidder in accordance with ITB Clause 38, using only the requirements specified. Requirements not included in the text below shall not be used in the evaluation of the Bidder's qualifications:

(a) Financial Capability

- Bidders shall include a bank statement, unconditional line of credit or any other reputed document indicating their financial status and ability to perform the contract with the value of **USD 890,000**

If a bank statement is submitted for liquid assets (financial capabilities), it must show ending balance of sufficient amount of required in the bidding document. The date of the bank statement must be between the date of invitation for bid and the date of bid opening. Otherwise, the bid shall be rejected and declared non-responsive.

If a letter of line of credit from a bank submitted for liquid asset (financial capabilities) it shall be as per circular of NPD issued in this regard mention the credit amount and shall be at least equal to the amount required in the bidding document. The issuing bank shall really commit itself as per text of standard line of credit issued by NPD to grant credit to the bidder. Conditional line of credit (credit facility) shall not be accepted and declared non-responsive.

(b) Experience and Technical Capacity

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s):

- Bidders must provide evidence of having executed at least **one contract of similar nature within the period of last Five years**. Value of at least one similar contract executed in one year of the last 5 years must be **USD 2,100,000 or in two contracts total value must be 3,500,000 USD**
- **The minimum required average annual turnover volume of supplied goods for the successful Bidder in any of the last five (5) years shall be: USD 3,600,000**

The bidder must provide Tax Clearance of his past performance as per procurement law.

- (c) **Manufacturing Letter: The bidder must provide manufacturing letter for the goods to be supplied**
- (d) **The bidder must provide letter of warranty for the good/equipment for a period as specified in ITB 19.1 (b).**

SECTION 4 BIDDING FORMS

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Form	Title
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SDB/G/02	JV Partner Information Form
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SDB/G/05	Price Schedule Form for Goods manufactures outside the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan already imported
SDB/G/06	Price Schedule Form for Goods manufactures in the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan
SDB/G/07	Price and Completion Schedule for Related Services
SDB/G/08	Bid Security: Bank Guarantee
SDB/G/09	Bid Security: Bid-Security Declaration (Not Applicable)
SDB/G/10	Manufacturer's Authorization Letter

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BIDDER INFORMATION FORM
FORM SDB/G/01

[Note on Bidder Information Form

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Date	
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1. General information of the Bidder	
1.1	Bidder's Legal Name: <i>[Insert Bidder's Legal Name]</i>
1.2	In case of JV, Legal Name of each party: <i>[Insert Legal Name of each party in JV]</i>
1.3	Bidder's actual or intended Country of Registration: <i>[Insert actual or intended Country of Registration]</i>
1.4	Bidder's Year of Registration: <i>[Insert Bidder's year of registration]</i>
1.5	Bidder's Legal Address in Country of Registration: <i>[Insert Bidder's Complete Legal Address in Country of Registration]</i>
1.6	Bidder's Authorized Representative Information Name: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's address]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i> E-mail Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's e-mail address]</i>
1.7	Bidder's Income Tax Identification Number (TIN): <i>[Insert the Bidder's Tax Identification Number]</i>

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1.8	<p>Attached are copies of original documents of <i>[Check the box(es) of the attached original document]</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1.1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of JV, letter of intent to form JV or JV agreement, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.1. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5. <input type="checkbox"/> Others: <i>[To be completed by the Purchaser if required]</i>.
2. Qualification information of the Bidder	
2.1	Number of years of overall experience of the Bidder in the supply of goods and related services: <i>[Insert a value in words and figures]</i>
2.2	Number of years of specific experience of the Bidder in the supply of similar goods and related services: <i>[Insert a value in words and figures]</i>
2.3	Total annual monetary value of similar goods supplied in each of the last five years: <i>[Insert a value in words and figures]</i>
2.4	Available liquid assets: <i>[Insert a value in words and figures]</i>
2.5	Major supplies of similar type of Goods over the last Ten years: <i>[List also details of supplies of similar type of Goods under way or committed, including expected delivery]</i>
3. Financial information of the Bidder	
3.1	Financial reports or balance sheets or profit and loss statements or auditors' reports or bank references with documents or a combination of these demonstrating availability of liquid assets. <i>[List below and attach copies.]</i>
3.2	<p>Details of Banks that may provide references if contacted by the Purchaser:</p> <p>Name: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's name]</i></p> <p>Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's Address]</i></p> <p>Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i></p> <p>E-mail Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's e-mail address]</i></p>

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**JV PARTNER INFORMATION FORM
FORM SDB/G/02**

[Note on JV Partner Information Form]

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1. General information of the JV	
1.1	Bidder's Legal Name: <i>[Insert Bidder's Legal Name]</i>
1.2	JV's Party Legal Name: <i>[Insert JV's Party Legal Name]</i>
1.3	JV's Party Country of Registration: <i>[Insert JV's Party Country of Registration]</i>
1.4	JV's Party Year of Registration: <i>[Insert JV's Party Year of Registration]</i>
1.5	JV's Party Legal Address in Country of Registration: <i>[Insert JV's Party Legal Address in Country of Registration]</i>
1.6	JV's Party Authorized Representative Information Name: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's address]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i> E-mail Address: <i>[Insert Authorized Representative's e-mail address]</i>
1.7	Attached are copies of original documents of <i>[Check the box(es) of the attached original documents]</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1.2 above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5.

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**BID SUBMISSION FORM
FORM SDB/G/03**

[Note on Bidder Submission Form]

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Alternative No.:	<i>[Insert identification No if this is a Bid for an alternative]</i>
Date	
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To: *[Insert complete name of Purchaser]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

1.	We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including Addenda No.: <i>[Insert the number and issuing date of each Addenda if applicable];</i>
2.	We offer to supply in conformity with the Bidding Documents and in accordance with the Delivery Schedules specified in the Schedule of Requirements the following Goods and Related Services <i>[Insert a brief description of the Goods and Related Services];</i>
3.	The total price of our Bid, excluding any discounts offered in item 4 below, is: <i>[Insert the total Bid price in words and figures, indicating the various amounts and the respective currencies];</i>
4.	The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are: 4.1 <u>Discounts</u> : if our Bid is accepted, the following discounts shall apply <i>[Specify in detail each discount offered and the specific item of the Schedule of Requirements to which it applies];</i> 4.2 4.3 <u>Methodology of Application of the Discounts</u> : the discounts shall be applied using the following method: <i>[Specify in detail the method that shall be used to apply the discounts];</i>
5.	Our Bid shall be valid for the period of time specified in ITB Sub-Clause 20.1, (120 days) from the date fixed for the Bid Submission Deadline in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.1, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;

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6.	If our Bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 44 and GCC Clause 18 for the due performance of the Contract;								
7.	We, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract, have nationality from Eligible Countries <i>[Insert the nationality of the Bidder, including that of all parties that comprise the Bidder, if the Bidder is a JV, and the nationality each subcontractor and supplier];</i>								
8.	We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.2;								
9.	Our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract, has not been declared ineligible by the GoA, under the National laws or official regulations, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.3;								
10.	<p>The following commissions, gratuities, or fees have been paid or are to be paid with respect to the bidding process or execution of the Contract <i>[Insert complete name of each Recipient, its full address, the reason for which each commission or gratuity was paid and the amount and currency of each such commission or gratuity. If none has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "NONE"]:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="243 903 1218 987"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="243 903 373 945">Name of Recipient</th> <th data-bbox="373 903 844 945">Address</th> <th data-bbox="844 903 1104 945">Reason</th> <th data-bbox="1104 903 1218 945">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Recipient	Address	Reason	Amount				
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11.	We understand that this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed;								
12.	We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated Bid or any other Bid that you may receive;								

Signed: *[Insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown]*

In the capacity of: *[Insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid Submission Form]*

Name: *[Insert complete name of person signing the Bid Submission Form]*

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and on behalf of: *[Insert complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____ *[Insert date of signing]*

**PRICE SCHEDULE FOR GOODS MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANISTAN
TO BE IMPORTED:
FORM SDB/G/04**

Routers & Switches Requirement

Routers slots and Interface requirements						
ID	Regions	Required Router Quantity	Per Router Slot Capability	Per Router Interfaces capacity and required ports	Per Unit Price	Total Price
1	Kabul	1+1	14 Slots or more	12x100G, 2x40G, 24x10G		
2	Herat	1+1	8 Slots or more	12x100G, 2x40G,24x10G		
3	Mazar	1+1	8 slots or more	12x100G, 2x40G,24x10G		
4	Kandahar	1+1	8 slots or more	12x100G, 2x40G,24x10G		
Switches slots and Interface requirements						
ID	Regions	Required Switch Quantity	Per Switch Slot Capability	Per Switch Interfaces capacity and required ports	Per Unit Price	Total Price
1	Kabul	1+1	8 Slots or more	2x100G, 4x40G, 24x10G or more		
2	Herat	1+1	8 Slots or more	2x100G, 2x40G, 24x10G or more		
3	Mazar	1+1	8 Slots or more	2x100G, 2x40G, 24x10G or more		
4	Kandahar	1+1	8 slots or more	2x100G, 2x40G, 24x10G or more		
Total Price in DDP						

Note: The 14 Slots Routers must have **30Tbps** Switching Capacity and the 8 Slots router must have **16Tbps or more** switching capacity and switches must have **30Tbps** switching capacitywith multiple module support.

Devices Features: Devices (routers and switches) should support the requirements mentioned in the TOR attached.

Signed:

In the capacity of:

Name:

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and on behalf of: [Insert complete name of Bidder]

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**BID SECURITY: BANK GUARANTEE
FORM SDB/G/08**

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Alternative No.:	<i>[Insert identification No if this is a Bid for an alternative]</i>
Date	
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[This Bank Guarantee Form for the Bid Security is to be issued by a registered bank in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

WE, *[Insert Bank's Name and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]*

Beneficiary: *[Insert complete Name and Address of Purchaser]*

Date: *[Insert the date]*

BID GUARANTEE NO.: *[Insert the number in figures]*

have been informed that *[Insert the complete Name of the Bidder]*, hereinafter called "THE BIDDER", has submitted to you its Bid, hereinafter called "THE BID", for the execution of *[Insert the Name of contract]* under Invitation for Bids No. *[Insert the FFB number]* hereinafter called "THE IFB".

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions Bids must be supported by a Bid Guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we *[Insert the name of the bank]* hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you, without cavil or argument, any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[Insert amount in figures AND in words]* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the Bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) Has modified or withdrawn its Bid after the deadline for submission of bids during the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) does not accept the correction of errors in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders of the IFB; or
- (c) having been notified of the acceptance of the Bid by the Purchaser during the period of Bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the ITB, or (ii) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form.
- (d) Provides bogus information about its eligibility

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This Guarantee will expire:

- (a) if the Bidder is the successful Bidder, upon our receipt of a copy of the Performance Security and a copy of the Contract signed by the Bidder issued to you upon the ITB; or
- (b) if the Bidder is not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight (28) days after the expiration of the Bidder's Bid validity period, being *[Insert the date of expiration of the Bid]*.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date.

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

[Insert signature(s) of duly Authorized Authority (ies)]

BID SECURITY: BID-SECURING DECLARATION
FORM SDB/G/09
(NOT APPLICABLE)

Invitation for Bid No:	
Bid Package No:	<i>[Insert the number of bidding package]</i>
Alternative No.:	<i>[Insert identification No if this is a Bid for an alternative]</i>
Date	<i>[Insert date, as day, month and year of Bid Submission]</i>
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[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

To: *[Insert the complete name of the Purchaser]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We understand that, according to your conditions, Bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration.

We accept that we will automatically be suspended from being eligible for bidding in any contract with the Purchaser for the period of time of *[one year]* starting on *[Insert the date]*, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the Bid conditions, because we:

- (a) have modified or withdrawn our Bid after the deadline for submission of bid during the period of Bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) have not accepted the correction of errors in accordance with instructions to bidders of IFB
- (c) Having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Purchaser during the period of Bid validity, (i) fail or refuse to execute the Contract; or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security, if required, in accordance with the ITB.
- (d) Provided bogus information about our eligibility

We understand this Bid-Securing Declaration shall expire if we are not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of your notification to us of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight (28) days after the expiration of our Bid.

Signed: *[Insert the signature of the person whose name and capacity are shown]*

In the capacity of *[Insert the legal capacity of the person signing the Bid-Securing Declaration]*

Name: *[Insert the complete Name of person signing the Bid Securing Declaration]*

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and on behalf of: *[Insert the complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on *[Insert the day]* day of *[Insert the month]*, *[Insert the year]*

Corporate Seal *[Insert the Corporate Seal, when appropriate]*

[Note: In case of a JV, the Bid-Securing Declaration must be in the name of all partners to the JV that submits the Bid.]

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MANUFACTURER'S AUTHORIZATION LETTER
FORM SDB/G/10

Applicable

Invitation for Bid No:	MCIT-AFTEL/1402/G-015/ICB
Bid Package No:	<i>[Insert the number of bidding package]</i>
Alternative No.:	<i>[Insert identification No if this is a Bid for an alternative]</i>
Date	<i>[Insert date, as day, month and year of Bid Submission]</i>
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[This letter of authorization should be on the letterhead of the manufacturer and should be signed by the person with the proper authority to sign documents that are binding on the manufacturer.]

To: *[Insert the complete name of the Purchaser]*

Whereas, we *[Insert complete name and address of Manufacturer]* are reputable official Manufacturers of *[Insert type of Goods manufactured]*, having factories at *[Insert full address of Manufacturer's factories]* do hereby authorize *[Insert complete name of the Bidder]* to submit a Bid the purpose of which is to provide the following Goods, manufactured by us *[Insert name and/or a brief description of the Goods]*, and to subsequently negotiate and sign the Contract.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty in accordance with **GCC Clause 27**, with respect to the Goods offered in the Bid by the above Firm.

Signed: *[Insert the signature(s) of authorized representative of the Manufacturer]*

Name: *[Insert complete name(s) of authorized representatives of the Manufacturer]*

Title: *[Insert title]*

Duly authorized to sign the authorization for and on behalf of: *[Insert complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on: *[Insert date of signing]*

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PART II SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 5 SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

CONTENT

	Title
1.	List of Goods and Delivery Schedule
2	List of Related Services and Completion Schedule
3	Technical Specifications (TS) or Technical Requirement Attached Separately
4	Inspections and Tests

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1. LIST OF GOODS AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Upgrading of (ISP KBLE and Regional Sites)

Description of Goods			Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS	Delivery (as per <i>Incoterms</i>) Date
				Delivery Date
No	Delivery	Duration	Warehouse of Afghan Telecom Corporation- MCIT- Kabul Afghanistan	As per DDP terms. 5 months and 10 days After signing the Contract date
1	Equipment Delivery based on DDP, Hard & Software Installation and testing and Commissioning	160 Calendar Days		

Note: As this will be a Lump Sum contract, the supplier is required to deliver all contracted goods after notice to proceed.

2. List of Related Services and Completion schedule:

Service	Description of Service			Place where Services shall be performed	Final Completion Date(s) of the contract
	No	Delivery and Completion	Duration	Based on the TOR Specified bellow	Start from the date of signing contract within Six (5) months and 10 days
	1	Project Implementation	5 months and 10 days		
	2	Equipment Delivery based on DDP to AFTEL ware house			
	3	Hard & Software Installation and testing			
	4	Commissioning			

Note: As this will be a Lump Sum contract, the supplier is required to deliver all contracted goods after notice to proceed.

3. Technical Specification or Technical Requirement

Attached Separately

4. INSPECTIONS AND TESTS

The following inspections and tests shall be performed on receipt of the Requirement:

1. Visual inspection
2. Inspection for any physical damage.
3. Any other tests to ensure that the Goods supplied are as per Technical Specifications

The supplied goods shall be inspected as per contract terms and agreed specification. The supplied goods must be original, new brand and unused.

PART III CONTRACT

SECTION 6 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

<p>1. Definitions</p>	<p>1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) "GOVERNMENT" means the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.(b) "CONTRACT" means the Contract Agreement entered into between the Purchaser and the Supplier, together with the Contract Documents referred to therein, including all attachments, appendices, and all documents incorporated by reference therein.(c) "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" means the documents listed in the Contract Agreement, including any amendments thereto.(d) "CONTRACT PRICE" means the price payable to the Supplier as specified in the Contract Agreement, subject to such additions and adjustments thereto or deductions there from, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.(e) "DAY" means calendar day.(f) "COMPLETION" means the fulfillment of the Related Services by the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.(g) "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.(h) "GOODS" means all of the commodities, raw material, machinery and equipment, and/or other materials that the Supplier is required to supply to the Purchaser under the Contract.(i) "PURCHASER" means the entity purchasing the Goods and Related Services, as specified in the SCC.(j) "RELATED SERVICES" means the services incidental to the supply of the goods, such as insurance, installation, training and initial maintenance and other such obligations of the Supplier under the Contract.(k) "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.(l) "SUBCONTRACTOR" means any natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, to which any part of the Goods to be supplied or execution of any part of the Related Services is subcontracted by the Supplier.
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	<p>(m) “SUPPLIER” means the natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, whose Bid to perform the Contract has been accepted by the Purchaser and is named as such in the Contract Agreement.</p> <p>(n) “THE PROJECT SITE”, where applicable, means the place named in the SCC.</p>
<p>2. Contract Documents</p>	<p>2.1 Subject to the order of precedence set forth in the Contract Agreement, all documents forming the Contract (and all parts thereof) are intended to be correlative, complimentary and mutually explanatory. The Contract agreement shall be read as a whole.</p>
<p>3. Fraud and Corruption</p>	<p>3.1 If the Purchaser determines that the Supplier has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Purchaser may, after giving 14 days’ notice to the Supplier, terminate the Supplier's employment under the Contract and cancel the contract, and the provisions of Clause 35 shall apply as if such expulsion had been made under Sub-Clause 35.1.</p> <p>(a) For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:</p> <p>(i) “CORRUPT PRACTICE” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party⁷;</p> <p>(ii) “FRAUDULENT PRACTICE” is any actor omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party⁸ to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;</p> <p>(iii) “COLLUSIVE PRACTICE” is an arrangement between two or more parties⁹ designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;</p> <p>(iv) “COERCIVE PRACTICE” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party¹⁰;</p> <p>(v) “OBSTRUCTIVE PRACTICE” is</p>

⁷ “ANOTHER PARTY” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution. In this context, “PUBLIC OFFICIAL” includes Government staff and employees of other organisations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

⁸ a “PARTY” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

⁹ “PARTIES” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish Bid prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels.

¹⁰ a “PARTY” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Government investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or • acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government’s inspection and audit rights provided for under Clause 11. <p>3.2 Should any employee of the Supplier or the Purchaser be determined to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practice during the purchase of the Goods, then that employee shall be removed and is liable to prosecution. As well as payment of penalties and compensation. Procurement Officials are also liable to administrative sanctions.</p>
<p>4. Interpretation</p>	<p>4.1 If the context so requires it, singular also means plural and vice versa.</p> <p>4.2 <i>Incoterms</i></p> <p>(a) Unless inconsistent with any provision of the Contract, the meaning of any trade term and the rights and obligations of parties there under shall be as prescribed by <i>Incoterms</i>, as stated in the SCC;</p> <p>(b) The terms EXW, CIP, FCA, CFR and other similar terms, when used, shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of <i>Incoterms</i> specified in the SCC and published by the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, France.</p> <p>4.3 Entire Agreement</p> <p>The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Purchaser and the Supplier and supersedes all communications, negotiations and agreements (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.</p> <p>4.4 Amendment</p> <p>No amendment or other variation of the Contract shall be valid unless it is in writing, is dated, expressly refers to the Contract, and is signed by a duly authorized representative of each party thereto.</p>

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	<p>4.5 Non-waiver</p> <p>(a) Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 4.5(b) below, no relaxation, forbearance, delay, or indulgence by either party in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of the Contract or the granting of time by either party to the other shall prejudice, affect, or restrict the rights of that party under the Contract, neither shall any waiver by either party of any breach of Contract operate as waiver of any subsequent or continuing breach of Contract.</p> <p>(b) Any waiver of a party’s rights, powers, or remedies under the Contract must be in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of the party granting such waiver, and must specify the right and the extent to which it is being waived.</p> <hr/> <p>4.6 Severability</p> <p>If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.</p>
<p>5. Language</p>	<p>5.1 The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged by the Supplier and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language specified in the SCC. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.</p> <hr/> <p>5.2 The Supplier shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation, for documents provided by the Supplier.</p>
<p>6. Joint Venture</p>	<p>6.1 If the Supplier is a joint venture (JV), a consortium, or association, all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to the Purchaser for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract and shall designate one party to act as a leader with authority to bind the JV, consortium, or association. The composition or the constitution of the JV, consortium, or association shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Purchaser.</p>
<p>7. Eligibility</p>	<p>7.1 The Supplier and its Subcontractors shall have the nationality of an eligible country. A Supplier or Subcontractor shall be deemed to have the</p>

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	<p>nationality of a country if it is a citizen or constituted, incorporated, or registered, and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.</p>
	<p>7.2 All Goods and Related Services to be supplied under the Contract and financed by the Government shall have their origin in Eligible Countries. For the purpose of this Clause, origin means the country where the goods have been grown, mined, cultivated, produced, manufactured, or processed; or through manufacture, processing, or assembly, another commercially recognized article results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics from its components.</p>
<p>8. Notices</p>	<p>8.1 Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing to the address specified in the SCC. The term “IN WRITING” means communicated in written form with proof of receipt.</p>
	<p>8.2 A notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice’s effective date, whichever is later.</p>
<p>9. Governing Law</p>	<p>9.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.</p>
<p>10. Settlement of Disputes</p>	<p>10.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract</p>
	<p>10.2 If, after twenty-eight (28) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Purchaser or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under the Contract. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.</p>
	<p>10.3 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and</p>

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	(b) the Purchaser shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier.
11. Inspections and Audit by the Government	11.1 The Supplier shall permit the Government and/or persons appointed by the Government to inspect the Supplier's offices and/or the accounts and records of the Supplier and its sub-contractors relating to the performance of the Contract, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Government if required by the Government. The Supplier's attention is drawn to Clause 3, which provides, <i>inter alia</i> , that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government's inspection and audit rights provided for under Sub-Clause 11.1 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility under the Procurement Guidelines).
12. Scope of Supply	12.1 The Goods and Related Services to be supplied shall be as specified in the Schedule of Requirements.
13. Delivery and Documents	13.1 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 33.1, the Delivery of the Goods and Completion of the Related Services shall be in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements. The details of shipping and other documents to be furnished by the Supplier are specified in the SCC .
14. Supplier's Responsibilities	14.1 The Supplier shall supply all the Goods and Related Services included in the Scope of Supply in accordance with GCC Clause 12, and the Delivery and Completion Schedule, as per GCC Clause 13.
15. Contract Price	15.1 Prices charged by the Supplier for the Goods supplied and the Related Services performed under the Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its Bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in the SCC .
16. Terms of Payment	16.1 The Contract Price, including any Advance Payments, if applicable, shall be paid as specified in the SCC .
	16.2 The Supplier's request for payment shall be made to the Purchaser in writing, accompanied by invoices describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and Related Services performed, and by the documents submitted pursuant to GCC Clause 13 and upon fulfillment of all other obligations stipulated in the Contract.

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	<p>16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the Purchaser, but in no case later than sixty (60) days after submission of an invoice or request for payment by the Supplier, and after the Purchaser has accepted it.</p>
	<p>16.4 The currencies in which payments shall be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be those in which the Bid price is expressed.</p>
	<p>16.5 In the event that the Purchaser fails to pay the Supplier any payment by its due date or within the period set forth in the SCC, the Purchaser shall pay to the Supplier interest on the amount of such delayed payment at the rate shown in the SCC, for the period of delay until payment has been made in full, whether before or after judgment or arbitrage award.</p>
<p>17. Taxes and Duties</p>	<p>17.1 For goods manufactured outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, including Business Receipt Tax, Sukok Tax, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.</p>
	<p>17.2 For goods Manufactured within the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted Goods to the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>17.3 If any tax exemptions, reductions, allowances or privileges may be available to the Supplier in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Purchaser shall use its best efforts to enable the Supplier to benefit from any such tax savings to the maximum allowable extent.</p>
<p>18. Performance Security</p>	<p>18.1 If required as specified in the SCC, the Supplier shall, within twenty-eight (28) days of the notification of contract award, provide a performance security for the performance of the Contract in the amount specified in the SCC.</p>
	<p>18.2 The proceeds of the Performance Security shall be payable to the Purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract</p>
	<p>18.3 As specified in the SCC, the Performance Security, if required, shall be denominated in the currency (ies) of the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser; and shall be in one of the format stipulated by the Purchaser in the SCC, or in another format acceptable to the Purchaser.</p>

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	<p>18.4 The Performance Security shall be discharged by the Purchaser and returned to the Supplier not later than twenty-eight (28) days following the date of Completion of the Supplier’s performance obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations, unless specified otherwise in the SCC.</p>
<p>19. Copyright</p>	<p>19.1 The copyright in all drawings, documents, and other materials containing data and information furnished to the Purchaser by the Supplier herein shall remain vested in the Supplier, or, if they are furnished to the Purchaser directly or through the Supplier by any third party, including suppliers of materials, the copyright in such materials shall remain vested in such third party.</p>
<p>20. Confidential Information</p>	<p>20.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall keep confidential and shall not, without the written consent of the other party hereto, divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other party hereto in connection with the Contract, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of the Contract. Notwithstanding the above, the Supplier may furnish to its Subcontractor such documents, data, and other information it receives from the Purchaser to the extent required for the Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract, in which event the Supplier shall obtain from such Subcontractor an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the Supplier under GCC Clause 20.</p> <p>20.2 The Purchaser shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Supplier for any purposes unrelated to the contract. Similarly, the Supplier shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Purchaser for any purpose other than the performance of the Contract.</p> <p>20.3 The obligation of a party under GCC Sub-Clauses 20.1 and 20.2 above, however, shall not apply to information that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Purchaser or Supplier need to share with the Government or other institutions participating in the financing of the Contract; (b) now or hereafter enters the public domain through no fault of that party; (c) can be proven to have been possessed by that party at the time of disclosure and which was not previously obtained, directly or indirectly, from the other party; or

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	<p>(d) otherwise lawfully becomes available to that party from a third party that has no obligation of confidentiality.</p> <p>20.4 The above provisions of GCC Clause 20 shall not in any way modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of the parties hereto prior to the date of the Contract in respect of the Supply or any part thereof.</p> <p>20.5 The provisions of GCC Clause 20 shall survive completion or termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract.</p>
<p>21. Subcontracting</p>	<p>21.1 The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under the Contract if not already specified in the Bid. The subcontracts should not alter the bid in any material way. Such notification, in the original Bid or later shall not relieve the Supplier from any of its obligations, duties, responsibilities, or liability under the Contract.</p> <p>21.2 Subcontracts shall comply with the provisions of GCC Clauses 3 and 7.</p>
<p>22. Specifications and Standards</p>	<p>22.1 Technical Specifications and Drawings</p> <p>(a) The Goods and Related Services supplied under this Contract shall conform to the technical specifications and standards mentioned in Section 5 Schedule of Requirements and, when no applicable standard is mentioned, the standard shall be equivalent or superior to the official standards whose application is appropriate to the Goods' country of origin</p> <p>(b) The Supplier shall be entitled to disclaim responsibility for any design, data, drawing, specification or other document, or any modification thereof provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser, by giving a notice of such disclaimer to the Purchaser.</p> <p>(c) Wherever references are made in the Contract to codes and standards in accordance with which it shall be executed, the edition or the revised version of such codes and standards shall be those specified in the Schedule of Requirements. During Contract execution, any changes in any such codes and standards shall be applied only after approval by the Purchaser and shall be treated in accordance with GCC Clause 33.</p>
<p>23. Packing and Documents</p>	<p>23.1 The Supplier shall provide such packing of the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the Contract. During transit, the packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling and exposure</p>

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	<p>to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation, and open storage. Packing case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.</p>
	<p>23.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the Contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in the SCC, and in any other instructions ordered by the Purchaser.</p>
<p>24. Insurance</p>	<p>24.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Goods supplied under the Contract shall be fully insured -in a freely convertible currency from an eligible country- against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery, in accordance with the applicable <i>Incoterms</i> or in the manner specified in the SCC.</p>
<p>25. Transportation</p>	<p>25.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, responsibility for arranging transportation of the Goods shall be in accordance with the specified <i>Incoterms</i>.</p>
<p>26. Inspections and Tests</p>	<p>26.1 The Supplier shall at its own expense and at no cost to the Purchaser carry out all such tests and/or inspections of the Goods and Related Services as are specified in the SCC.</p>
	<p>26.2 The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination, or in another place in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as specified in the SCC. Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 26.3, if conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>26.3 The Purchaser or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/ or inspections referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 26.2, provided that the Purchaser bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all travelling and board and lodging expenses</p>
	<p>26.4 Whenever the Supplier is ready to carry out any such test and inspection, it shall give a reasonable advance notice, including the place and time, to the Purchaser. The Supplier shall obtain from any relevant third party or</p>

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	<p>manufacturer any necessary permission or consent to enable the Purchaser or its designated representative to attend the test and/or inspection.</p> <p>26.5 The Purchaser may require the Supplier to carry out any test and/or inspection not required by the Contract but deemed necessary to verify that the characteristics and performance of the Goods comply with the technical specifications codes and standards under the Contract, provided that the Supplier's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such test and/or inspection shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such test and/or inspection impedes the progress of manufacturing and/or the Supplier's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in respect of the Delivery Dates and Completion Dates and the other obligations so affected.</p> <p>26.6 The Supplier shall provide the Purchaser with a report of the results of any such test and/or inspection.</p> <p>26.7 The Purchaser may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Purchaser, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Purchaser, upon giving a notice pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 26.4.</p> <p>26.8 The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Purchaser or its representative, nor the issue of any report pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 26.6, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under the Contract.</p>
<p>27. Liquidated Damages</p>	<p>27.1 Except as provided under GCC Clause 32, if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods by the Date(s) of delivery or perform the Related Services within the period specified in the Contract, the Purchaser may without prejudice to all its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in the SCC of the delivered price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the percentage specified in those SCC. Once the maximum is reached, the Purchaser may terminate the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 35.</p>
<p>28. Warranty</p>	<p>28.1 The Supplier warrants that all the Goods are new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent</p>

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	<p>improvements in design and materials, unless provided otherwise in the Contract.</p>
	<p>28.2 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 22.1(b), the Supplier further warrants that the Goods shall be free from defects arising from any act or omission of the Supplier or arising from design, materials, and workmanship, under normal use in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.</p>
	<p>28.3 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the Goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the SCC, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the country of origin, whichever period concludes earlier.</p>
	<p>28.4 The Purchaser shall give notice to the Supplier stating the nature of any such defects together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Purchaser shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Supplier to inspect such defects.</p>
	<p>28.5 Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the SCC, expeditiously repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at no cost to the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>28.6 If having been notified, the Supplier fails to remedy the defect within the period specified in the SCC, the Purchaser may proceed to take within a reasonable period such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Supplier under the Contract.</p>
<p>29. Patent Indemnity</p>	<p>29.1 The Supplier shall, subject to the Purchaser's compliance with GCC Sub-Clause 29.2, indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Purchaser may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the installation of the Goods by the Supplier or the use of the Goods in the country where the Site is located; and (b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Goods

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	<p>Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Goods or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Goods or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the Supplier, pursuant to the Contract.</p> <p>29.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Purchaser arising out of the matters referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 29.1, the Purchaser shall promptly give the Supplier a notice thereof, and the Supplier may at its own expense and in the Purchaser’s name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.</p> <p>29.3 If the Supplier fails to notify the Purchaser within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Purchaser shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf.</p> <p>29.4 The Purchaser shall, at the Supplier’s request, afford all available assistance to the Supplier in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Supplier for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.</p> <p>29.5 The Purchaser shall indemnify and hold harmless the Supplier and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including Attorney’s fees and expenses, which the Supplier may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser.</p>
<p>30. Limitation of Liability</p>	<p>30.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct:</p> <p>(a) the Supplier shall not be liable to the Purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to pay liquidated damages to the Purchaser; and</p>

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	<p>(b) the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Purchaser, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment, or to any obligation of the supplier to indemnify the purchaser with respect to patent infringement.</p>
<p>31. Change in Laws and Regulations</p>	<p>31.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, if after the date of 28 days prior to date of Bid submission, any law, regulation, ordinance, order, circular or bylaw having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated, or changed in the place of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan where the Site is located (which shall be deemed to include any change in interpretation or application by the competent authorities) that subsequently affects the Delivery Date and/or the Contract Price, then such Delivery Date and/or Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, to the extent that the Supplier has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced cost shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable, in accordance with GCC Clause 15</p>
<p>32. <i>Force Majeure</i></p>	<p>32.1 The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of <i>Force Majeure</i>.</p> <p>32.2 For purposes of this Clause, “<i>FORCE MAJEURE</i>” means an event or situation beyond the control of the Supplier that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Supplier. Such events may include, but not be limited to, acts of the Purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.</p> <p>32.3 If a <i>Force Majeure</i> situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the <i>Force Majeure</i> event.</p>
<p>33. Change Orders and</p>	<p>33.1 The Purchaser may at any time order the Supplier through notice in accordance GCC Clause 8, to make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:</p>

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<p>Contract Amendments</p>	<p>(a) drawings, designs, or specifications, where Goods to be furnished under the Contract are to be specifically manufactured for the Purchaser;</p> <p>(b) the method of shipment or packing;</p> <p>(c) the place of delivery; and</p> <p>(d) The Related Services to be provided by the Supplier.</p> <hr/> <p>33.2 If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier’s performance of any provisions under the Contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or in the Delivery/ Completion Schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this Clause must be asserted within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the Supplier’s receipt of the Purchaser’s change order.</p> <hr/> <p>33.3 Prices to be charged by the Supplier for any Related Services that might be needed but which were not included in the Contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.</p> <hr/> <p>33.4 Subject to the above, no variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.</p>
<p>34. Extensions of Time</p>	<p>34.1 If at any time during performance of the Contract, the Supplier or its subcontractors should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods or completion of Related Services pursuant to GCC Clause 13, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the delay, its likely duration, and its cause. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier’s notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier’s time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract.</p> <hr/> <p>34.2 Except in case of <i>Force Majeure</i>, as provided under GCC Clause 32, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its Delivery and Completion obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 26, unless an extension of time is agreed upon, pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 34.1.</p>
<p>35. Termination</p>	<p>35.1 Termination for Default</p>

	<p>(a) The Purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within the period specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 34;(ii) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract; or(iii) if the Supplier, in the judgment of the Purchaser has engaged in fraud and corruption, as defined in GCC Clause 3, in competing for or in executing the Contract. <p>(b) In the event the Purchaser terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to GCC Clause 35.1(a), the Purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Related Services similar to those undelivered or not performed, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Purchaser for any additional costs for such similar Goods or Related Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.</p>
	<p>35.2 Termination for Insolvency.</p> <p>(a) The Purchaser may at any time terminate the Contract by giving notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In such event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Purchaser.</p>
	<p>35.3 Termination for Convenience. Termination for Convenience.</p> <p>(a) The Purchaser, by notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Purchaser's convenience, the extent to which performance of the Supplier under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.</p> <p>(b) The Goods that are complete and ready for shipment within twenty-eight (28) days after the Supplier's receipt of notice of termination shall be accepted by the Purchaser at the Contract terms and prices. For the remaining Goods, the Purchaser may elect:</p>

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	<p>(i) to have any portion completed and delivered at the Contract terms and prices; and/ or</p> <p>(ii) to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed Goods and Related Services and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.</p>
36. Assignment	36.1 Neither the Purchaser nor the Supplier shall assign, in whole or in part, their obligations under this Contract, except with prior written consent of the other party.
37. Export Restriction	37.1 Notwithstanding any obligation under the Contract to complete all export formalities, any export restrictions attributable to the Purchaser, to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, or to the use of the products/ goods, systems or services to be supplied, which arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those products/ goods, systems or services, and which substantially impede the Supplier from meeting its obligations under the Contract, shall release the Supplier from the obligation to provide deliveries or services, always provided, however, that the Supplier can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Purchaser and of the Government that it has completed all formalities in a timely manner, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the products/ goods, systems or services under the terms of the Contract. Termination of the Contract on this basis shall be for the Purchaser's convenience pursuant to Sub-Clause 35.3.

SECTION 7 SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement and/or amend the General Conditions of Contract (GCC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC.

GCC Clause	<i>Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the GCC</i>
GCC 1.1 (i)	The Purchaser is: Afghan Telecommunication Corporation (AFTEL) Ministry of Communication & Information Technology,
GCC 1.1 (n)	Procurement of ISP Backbone Equipment for KBL and Regional Sites MCIT-AFTEL/1402/G-015/ICB The Project Final Destinations is: DDP –Warehouse of Afghan Telecom corporation –Mahtab Qala Kabul- Afghanistan Contract Type: Lump Sum Contract
GCC 1.1 (f)	The Completion period of the contract is Five (5) Months and 10 days after signing the contract
GCC 4.2 (a)	The meaning of the trade terms shall be as prescribed by Incoterms
GCC 4.2 (b)	The version edition of Incoterms shall be: 2015
GCC 5.1	The language shall be: English
GCC 8.1	For notices, the Purchaser’s address shall be: <i>Attention:</i> Mr. Sefatullah Sajad Chief Procurement Officer Ministry of Communication and IT Afghan Telecom Corporation 4 th floor, post parcel building Muhammad Jan Khan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan Contact No; +93 (0) 745210000 E-mail; sefatullah.sajad@afghantelecom.af
GCC 10.2	The Rules of Procedure for Arbitration proceedings pursuant to GCC Clause 10.2 shall be as follows: (a)Contract with foreign Supplier:

	<p>GCC 10.2 (a) Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration, in a neutral place, i.e. not in the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan, neither in the supplier's country, in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as at present in force.</p> <p>(b) Contracts with Supplier national of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In the case of a dispute between the Purchaser and a Supplier who is a national of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the dispute shall be referred to adjudication or arbitration in accordance with the laws Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.</p>
<p>GCC 12.2</p>	<p>For the purpose of governing this contract, the following terms are defined as follows:</p> <p>a) The minimum quantity is the guaranteed quantity for the item to be ordered on the Supplier as stated in the Table of Estimated Minimum & Maximum required Quantity.</p> <p>b) Maximum Quantity is the maximum limit of quantity which can be ordered on the Supplier against this contract, as stated in the Schedule of Requirements</p> <p>c) Specific Purchase Order: the supplier is required to supply all requested (contracted) goods within (maximum 90 calendar days) to the delivery place and the rest duties are expected to be completed within 70 calendar days.</p> <p>The total period of contract is Five (5) months and 10 days after signing the contract.</p>
<p>GCC 13.1</p>	<p>Details of Shipping and other Documents to be furnished by the Supplier are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) copies of the Supplier's invoice showing Goods' description, quantity, unit price, and total amount; (ii) Delivery receipt certificate after Custom documents, iii) Supplier's warranty certificate; (iv) inspection certificate issued by the nominated inspection agency and (v) Certificate of origin. <p>The above documents shall be received by the Purchaser before arrival of the Goods and, if not received, the Supplier will be responsible for any delay and consequent expenses.</p>

13.1	The Delivery Period against all supplies to be made against a Purchase Order shall be 90 days (Ninty calendar days) from the date of signing the contract /Contract Signing Date. The Supplier shall be legally bound to supply the items as per such delivery period failing which the Purchaser may resort to legal remedies available under this contract including but not limited to levy of Liquidated Damages, etc.
GCC 15.1	The prices charged for the Goods supplied and the related Services performed SHALL NOT be adjustable
GCC 16.1	<p><i>GCC 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20% of total contract as advance payment will be paid to contractor against similar percentage amount of bank grantee from a reputable Bank. 2. 30 % of total contract value will be paid to the contractor after delivery of Goods to the final destination as specified in GCC 1.1 (n) and after inspection and issuance of GRN. 3. 40 % of the total contract value will be paid to the contractor after fully project implementation testing and issuance of PAC. 4. 10% of the total contract will be paid to the contractor after final acceptance certificate issue date. <p><i>Note: The Supplier shall supply against agreed contract as per lump sum contract. The payment shall be made against actual supplies after delivery to the destination, inspection and acceptance of supplied goods against agreed contract and specification.</i></p>
GCC 16.3	Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of invoice and after the purchaser has accepted it.
GCC 16.5	The payment-delay period after which the Purchaser shall pay interest to the supplier shall be days. Not applicable
	The interest rate that shall be applied is Not Applicable
GCC 17.1	<p><i>Replace GCC 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 as given below:</i></p> <p>“17.1. For goods Manufactured within or outside the Purchaser’s country, the Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, customs duties, license fees, local taxes such as BRT etc., incurred until delivery</p>

	of the contracted Goods to the Purchaser at final destination and these taxes are included in the contract price.”
GCC 18.1	A Performance Security SHALL be required.
	The amount of the Performance Security shall be: 5.6% from total Value of Contract.
GCC 18.3	The Performance Security shall be denominated in USD
	If required, the Performance Security shall be in the format of: Bank Guarantee from a reputed bank from purchaser’s country or supplier’s country. If it is from supplier’s country, it shall be confirmed by the bank in Afghanistan or a bank acceptable to the purchaser.
	The Performance Security shall cover the following period: 1- Five (5) months and 10 days of the Contract period 2- Twenty-Eight (28) days more than the contract period
GCC 18.4	Discharge of the Performance Security shall take place and released after almost Six (6) months and 10 days
GCC 23.2	<i>The packing, marking and documentation within and outside the packages shall be:</i> During transit, the packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation, and open storage. Packing case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods’ final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
GCC 24.1	The insurance coverage shall be as specified in the Incoterms. As it is DDP
GCC 25.1	Responsibility for transportation of the Goods shall be as specified in the Incoterms. (Responsibility for transportation of the Goods to final destination is on Supplier). The Supplier is required under the Contract to transport the Goods to the specified place of final destination within the Purchaser’s country, defined as the Project Site, transport to such place of destination in the Purchaser’s country, including insurance and storage, as shall be specified in the Contract, unloading of goods at destination shall be arranged by the Supplier, and related costs is included in the Contract Price as detailed in the price schedule.

	Note: Shifting of the equipment from warehouse (final destination) to the site is the responsibility of the AFTEL with support of the supplier.
GCC 26.1	<p><i>The physical inspections shall be conducted in the delivery place accordingly:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visual inspection 2. Inspection for any physical damage 3. Any other tests to ensure that the Goods supplied are as per Technical Specifications.
GCC 26.2	The tests shall be conducted after the completion of installation on the sites
GCC 27.1	<p>The liquidated damage shall be: 0.1 percent per day from total Value of Contract.</p> <p>The maximum amount of liquidated shall be: 10 % percent from total value of contract</p>
GCC 28.3	The Warranty period shall be: one (1) year after project implementation.
GCC 28.5	The period for repair or replacement shall be 30 days
GCC 28.6	<p><i>The period for repair or replacement has been determined in GCC 28.5 above in this SCC.</i></p> <p>The purchaser shall keep five (5) percent amount from the total of contract price (as specified in clause 80 of Procurement Rules) to be held as retention money until the end of warranty period.</p>
GCC 32.3	<p>If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof within 5 working days. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.</p>

SECTION 8 CONTRACT FORMS

Contract Forms

- SDB/G/12 Notification of Award
- SDB/G/13 Contract Agreement
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**NOTIFICATION OF AWARD
FORM SDB/G/12**

Contract No:	Date:
To:	

This is to notify you that your Bid dated *[Insert date, as day, month, year]* for the supply of goods and related services for *[Insert the name of project or contract]* for the Contract Price of *[Insert the amount in figures and in words]*, as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (ITB) is hereby accepted by *[Insert the name of the Procuring Entity]*.

You are requested to proceed with the supply of the goods and the related services and note that this Notification of Award shall constitute the formation of a Contract, which shall only become binding upon you furnishing a Performance Security within twenty-eight (28) days, in accordance with ITB Clause 44.1, and the signing of the Contract Agreement within twenty eight (28) days, in accordance with ITB Sub Clause 43.2.

We attach the Contract Agreement and Contract Documents for you perusal and signature.

	Signed
	Duly authorized to sign for and on behalf of <i>[Insert the name of Procuring Entity]</i>
	Date:

CONTRACT AGREEMENT
FORM SDB/G/13

[The successful Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT is made the *[Insert the number]* day of *[Insert the month]*, *[Insert the year]*.

BETWEEN

- (1) *[Insert the complete name of the Purchaser]*, a *[Insert description of type of legal entity, for example, an agency of the Ministry of [Insert the name of the Ministry] of the Government of Afghanistan, or corporation incorporated under the laws of Afghanistan]* and having its principal place of business at *[Insert the address of the Purchaser]*, hereinafter called “THE PURCHASER”, and
- (2) *[Insert name of the Supplier]*, a corporation incorporated under the laws of *[Insert the country of Supplier]* and having its principal place of business at *[Insert the address of the Supplier]*, hereinafter called “THE SUPPLIER”.

WHEREAS the Purchaser invited Bids for certain Goods and ancillary services, viz., *[Insert a brief description of the Goods and Services]* and has accepted a Bid by the Supplier for the supply of those Goods and Services in the sum of *[Insert the Contract Price in words and figures, expressed in the Contract currency(ies)]*, hereinafter called “THE CONTRACT PRICE”.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
2. The following documents shall constitute the Contract between the Purchaser and the Supplier, and each shall be read and construed as an integral part of the Contract:
 - (a) This Contract Agreement
 - (b) Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
 - (c) General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
 - (d) Technical Requirements (including Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications)
 - (e) The Supplier’s Bid and original Price Schedules
 - (f) The Purchaser’s Notification of Award
 - (g) *[Add here any other document(s)]*

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3. This Contract shall prevail over all other Contract documents. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency within the Contract documents, then the documents shall prevail in the order listed above.
4. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Purchaser to the Supplier as hereinafter mentioned, the Supplier hereby covenants with the Purchaser to provide the Goods and Services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
5. The Purchaser hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the Goods and Services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on the day, month and year indicated above.

For and on behalf of the Purchaser

Signed: *[Insert the authorized authority signature]*
in the capacity of *[Insert the title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[Insert identification of official witness]*

For and on behalf of the Supplier

Signed: *[Insert signature of authorized representative(s) of the Supplier]*
in the capacity of *[Insert the title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[Insert identification of official witness]*

PERFORMANCE SECURITY
FORM SDB/G/14

[The bank, as requested by the successful Bidder, shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

Date: *[Insert the date (as day/month/year) of Bid Submission]*

IFB No. and Title: *[Insert the number and title of bidding process]*

Bank's Branch or Office: *[Insert complete name of Guarantor]*

BENEFICIARY: *[Insert the complete name of the Purchaser]*

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE NO.: *[Insert Performance Guarantee number]*

We have been informed that *[Insert complete name of Supplier]*, hereinafter called "THE SUPPLIER" has entered into Contract No. *[Insert the contract number]* dated *[Insert day, month and year]* with you, for the supply of *[Insert a brief description of Goods and Related Services]*, hereinafter called "THE CONTRACT".

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a Performance Guarantee is required.

At the request of the Supplier, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum(s) not exceeding *[Insert amount(s)]¹¹ in figures and words* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract, without cavil or argument, neither you needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This Guarantee shall expire no later than the *[Insert a number]* day of *[Insert month]**[Insert year]*¹², and any demand for payment under it 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, except that subparagraph (ii) of Sub-article 20 (a) is hereby excluded.

[Insert the signatures, names and designation of authorized representatives of the bank and the Supplier]

¹¹ The Bank shall insert the amount(s) specified in the SCC and denominated, as specified in the SCC, either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser.

¹² Dates established in accordance with Clause 18.4 of the General Conditions of Contract ("GCC"), taking into account any warranty obligations of the Supplier under Clause 16.2 of the GCC intended to be secured by a partial Performance Guarantee. **The Purchaser should note that in the event of an extension of the time to perform the Contract, the Purchaser would need to request an extension of this Guarantee from the Bank.** Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the Guarantee. In preparing this Guarantee, the Purchaser might consider adding the following text to the Form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "WE AGREE TO A ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF THIS GUARANTEE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED [SIX MONTHS] [ONE YEAR], IN RESPONSE TO THE PURCHASER'S WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUCH EXTENSION, SUCH REQUEST TO BE PRESENTED TO US BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE GUARANTEE."

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[Corporate seal]

**BANK GUARANTEE FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT
FORM SDB/G/15**

[The bank, as requested by the successful Bidder, shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

Date: *[Insert the date (as day/month/year) of Bid Submission]*

IFB No. and Title: *[Insert the number and title of bidding process]*

[Use the bank's letterhead]

BENEFICIARY: *[Insert the complete name of the Purchaser]*

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE NO.: *[Insert Advance Payment Guarantee number]*

We, *[Insert Legal Name and Address of Bank]*, have been informed that *[Insert the complete Name and Address of the Supplier]*, hereinafter called "THE SUPPLIER", has entered into Contract No. *[Insert the contract number]* dated *[Insert the date of the Agreement, as day, month, year]* with you, for the supply of *[Insert types of Goods to be delivered]*, hereinafter called "THE CONTRACT".

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Supplier, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[Insert the amount(s)]*¹³ *in figures and words* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing declaring that the Supplier is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Supplier used the advance payment for purposes other than toward delivery of the Goods.

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 Supplier on its account *[Insert the number and domicile of the account]*.

This Guarantee shall remain valid and in full effect from the date of the advance payment received by the Supplier under the Contract until *[Insert a date]*¹⁴.

This Guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458. *[Insert the signature(s) of authorized representative active(s) of the bank]*

¹³ *The bank shall insert the amount(s) specified in the SCC and denominated, as specified in the SCC, either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser.*

¹⁴ *Insert the Delivery date stipulated in the Contract Delivery Schedule. **The Purchaser should note that in the event of an extension of the time to perform the Contract, the Purchaser would need to request an extension of this Guarantee from the bank.** Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the Guarantee. In preparing this Guarantee, the Purchaser might consider adding the following text to the Form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "WE AGREE TO A ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF THIS GUARANTEE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED [SIX MONTHS] OR [ONE YEAR], IN RESPONSE TO THE PURCHASER'S WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUCH EXTENSION, SUCH REQUEST TO BE PRESENTED TO US BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE GUARANTEE."*

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