

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT IN BUSINESS FOR BIDDERS AND PROVIDERS

(Under Section 93 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2003)

1. Ethical Principles

Bidders and providers shall at all times-

- (a) maintain integrity and independence in their professional judgement and conduct;
- (b) comply with both the letter and the spirit of-
 - i. the laws of Uganda; and
 - ii. any contract awarded.
- (c) avoid associations with businesses and organisations which are in conflict with this code.

2. Standards

Bidders and providers shall-

- (a) strive to provide works, services and supplies of high quality and accept full responsibility for all works, services or supplies provided;
- (b) comply with the professional standards of their industry or of any professional body of which they are members.

3. Conflict of Interest

Bidders and providers shall not accept contracts which would constitute a conflict of interest with, any prior or current contract with any procuring and disposing entity. Bidders and providers shall disclose to all concerned parties those conflicts of interest that cannot reasonably be avoided or escaped.

4. Confidentiality and Accuracy of Information

- (1) Information given by bidders and providers in the course of procurement processes or the performance of contracts shall be true, fair and not designed to mislead.
- (2) Providers shall respect the confidentiality of information received in the course of performance of a contract and shall not use such information for personal gain.

5. Gifts and Hospitality

Bidders and providers shall not offer gifts or hospitality directly or indirectly, to staff of a procuring and disposing entity that might be viewed by others as having an influence on a government procurement decision.

6. Inducements

- (1) Bidders and providers shall not offer or give anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- (2) Bidders and providers shall not ask a public official to do anything which is inconsistent with the Act, Regulations, Guidelines or the Code of Ethical Conduct in Business.

7. Fraudulent Practices

Bidders and providers shall not-

- (a) collude with other businesses and organisations with the intention of depriving a procuring and disposing entity of the benefits of free and open competition;
- (b) enter into business arrangements that might prevent the effective operation of fair competition;
- (c) engage in deceptive financial practices, such as bribery, double billing or other improper financial practices;

- (d) misrepresent facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring and Disposing Entity; or utter false documents;
- (e) unlawfully obtain information relating to a procurement process in order to influence the process or execution of a contract to the detriment of the PDE;
- (f) withholding information from the PDE during contract execution to the detriment of the PDE.

I agree to comply with the above code of ethical conduct in business.

**AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
BIDDER/PROVIDER**

NAME OF

[Use Bidder's Letterhead]
[Name of Bidder]
[Physical Address of Bidder]

3. Bid-Securing Declaration

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year)]*
Procurement Reference. No.: *[insert Procurement Reference Number]*

To: *[insert complete name of Procuring and Disposing Entity]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

1. We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration.
2. We accept that we may be suspended for three years by the Authority from being eligible for bidding in any contract with the Government of Uganda, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because we:
 - (a) have withdrawn our bid during the period of bid validity specified by us in the Bid Submission Sheet or
 - (b) having been notified of the acceptance of our bid by the Procuring and Disposing Entity during the period of bid validity (i) fail or refuse to execute the Contract if required or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 41; or (iii) fail or refuse to accept the correction of our bid by the Procuring and Disposing Entity, pursuant to ITB Clause 29;
3. We understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall remain valid and including *[insert date in accordance with ITB Clause 19.3]*

Signed: *[insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown]* In the capacity of *[insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid Securing Declaration]*

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

Duly authorized to sign the bid securing declaration for and on behalf of: *[insert complete name of Bidder]*

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

Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

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