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PART 1 – INVITATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Invitation to Proponents

This Request for Proposals (the “RFP”) is an invitation by the Government of Bermuda (the “Government”) to prospective proponents to submit proposals for **Professional Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Services for the General Post Office Renovation Project**, as further described in Section A of the RFP Particulars (Appendix D) (the Deliverables”).

The Government is seeking qualified Consulting Engineers that are registered in Bermuda in accordance with the Professional Engineers Registration Act 1972 to provide Design Specifications and all drawings necessary for the Tender and for securing a Building Permit. Works will be carried out at the Government Post Office ground floor and basement level.

General Scope

The selected proponent shall be required to work under the direction of the Architects Section designee to undertake professional design services for 1) upgrade, modification, and refurbishment of the HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical for the basement and 2) upgrade, modification and refurbishment of the HVAC and Plumbing for the ground floor of the Government Post Office Building.

The Statement of Requirements is intended to describe the phases and services to be provided. The services listed below are not all-inclusive but rather represent those that will normally be expected during the contract's performance. See Appendix D-RFP Particulars for more details and the Annex document for General Scope of Works.

- Electrical Design (drawings and specifications)
- Mechanical/Plumbing Design (drawings and specifications)
- Tender Services
- Construction Administration Services

The selected proponent will provide comprehensive design services per the AIA Contract C103-2015 and the Project Deliverables, including but not limited to reviewing the existing site conditions in conjunction with the preliminary space plan. The selected proponent will be expected to attend project meetings, and liaise with the Client and Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

1.2 RFP Contact

For the purposes of this procurement process, the RFP Contact will be:

Mr. Stephen Squire at email ssquire@gov.bm

Proponents and their representatives are not permitted to contact any employees, officers, agents, elected or appointed officials or other representatives of the Government, other than the RFP Contact, concerning matters regarding this RFP. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the disqualification of the proponent and the rejection of the proponent's proposal.

Prior to the Submission Deadline noted in the RFP timetable below, proponents that download this file and intend to respond to this RFP are required to register their interest with the RFP contact by emailing their company name and contact information to

Mr. Stephen Squire at email ssquire@gov.bm

Amendment/addenda (if any) will be posted at <https://www.gov.bm/procurement-notice>. Proponents should visit the Government Portal on a regular basis during the procurement process.

1.3 Type of Contract for Deliverables

The selected proponent will be required to enter into an agreement with the Government for the provision of the Deliverables in the Form of Agreement attached as Appendix A to the RFP (the Agreement). It is the Government's intention to enter into the Agreement with only one (1) legal entity. The term of the Agreement is to be for a period 1 year with an option in favour of the Government to extend the Agreement terms and conditions acceptable to the Government and the selected proponent for an additional term of up to 1 year.

Joint submissions are acceptable however if a joint submission is made, the submission must clearly indicate which party will act as the prime contractor.

1.4 RFP Timetable

1.4.1 Key Dates

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| Issue Date of RFP | Monday August 01, 2022 |
| Pre-Bid / Site Meeting | Friday August 05, 2022 @ 10:00 AM |
| Deadline for Questions | Tuesday August 09, 2022 |
| Deadline for Issuing Addenda | Friday August 12, 2022 |
| Submission Deadline | Thursday August 18, 2022 @ 3:00:00 PM |
| Irrevocability Period | 90 days |
| Anticipated Execution of Agreement | Friday September 30, 2022 |

All times listed are in Atlantic Standard Time (AST). The RFP timetable is tentative only, and may be changed by the Government at any time. For greater clarity, business days means all days that the Government is open for business.

1.4.2 Site Visit / Pre-Bid Meeting

Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit

A Pre-Bid Meeting Site Visit has been scheduled for this procurement. The purpose of the Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit is to provide a structured and formal opportunity for the bidders to raise questions and clarify any of the proposal requirements and procurement process. The date, time and location are provided as follows:

DATE: Friday August 05, 2022

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Government Post Office (Basement Access on Parliament Street)

1.5 Submission of Proposals

1.5.1 Proposals to be Submitted at Prescribed Location

Proposals must be submitted to:

RFP (Without Negotiation) – Professional Mechanical & Electrical
Engineering Services for the General Post Office Renovation Project

Tender Box at the Ministry of Public Works,
Located on the 3rd Floor, General Post Office Building,
56, Church Street, Hamilton, HM12, Bermuda.

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Professional Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Services
For the General Post Office Renovation Project
Attention Stephen Squire

E-mail and facsimile submissions are not accepted. However, copies of your proposal may be sent in Adobe PDF format via a USB drive or CD with your hard copy submittal.

1.5.2 Proposals to be Submitted on Time

Proposals must be submitted at the location set out above on or before the Submission Deadline. Proposals submitted after the Submission Deadline will be rejected. Onus and responsibility rest solely with the proponent to deliver its proposal to the exact location (including floor, if applicable) indicated in the RFP on or before the Submission Deadline. The Government does not accept any responsibility for submissions delivered to any other location by the proponent or its delivery agents. Proponents are advised to make submissions well before the deadline. Proponents making submissions near the deadline do so at their own risk.

1.5.3 Proposals to be Submitted in Prescribed Format

Proponents shall submit at minimum 1 original signed hard copies of their proposal or one (1) electronic copy (e-copy) in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format. If both a hard copy and e-copy of the proposal are submitted and there is a conflict or inconsistency between the hard copy and the e-copy of the proposal, the hard copy of the proposal will prevail.

The original and all copies of the proposal shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the proponent. This authorization shall consist of a written authorization and shall be attached to the Submission Form included in (Appendix B). The name and position held by each person signing the authorization must be typed or printed below the signature. An Electronic Record of Signature will be accepted in the submission only in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Electronic Transactions Act 1999. Any interlineation, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the proposal.

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed package and prominently marked with the RFP title and number (see RFP cover) and will not be opened until Friday July 15, 2022 03:00:00 PM. The full legal name and return address of the proponent should be marked on the package as well.

1.5.4 Amendment of Proposals

Proponents may amend their proposals prior to the Submission Deadline by submitting the amendment in a sealed package prominently marked with the RFP title and number and the full legal name and return address of the proponent to the location set out above. Any amendment should clearly indicate which part of the proposal the amendment is intended to amend or replace.

1.5.5 Withdrawal of Proposals

Proponents may withdraw their proposals prior to the Submission Deadline. To withdraw a proposal, a notice of withdrawal must be sent to the RFP Contact prior to the Submission Deadline and must be signed by an authorized representative of the proponent. The Government is under no obligation to return withdrawn proposals.

1.5.6 Proposals Irrevocable after Submission Deadline

Proposals shall be irrevocable for a period of 90 days running from the moment that the Submission Deadline passes.

[End of Part 1]

PART 2 – EVALUATION AND AWARD

2.1 Stages of Evaluation

The Government will conduct the evaluation of proposals in the following stages:

2.2 Stage I – Mandatory Submission Requirements

Stage I will consist of a review to determine which proposals comply with all of the mandatory submission requirements. Proposals that do not comply with all of the mandatory submission requirements as of the Submission Deadline will, subject to the express and implied rights of the Government, be rejected. The mandatory submission requirements are listed in Section C of the RFP Particulars (Appendix D).

2.2.1 No Amendment to Forms

Other than inserting the information requested on the mandatory submission forms set out in the RFP, a proponent may not make any changes to any of the forms. Any proposal containing any such changes, whether on the face of the form or elsewhere in the proposal, may be disqualified.

2.3 Stage II – Evaluation

Stage II will consist of the following two sub-stages:

2.3.1 Mandatory Technical Requirements

The Government will review the proposals to determine whether the mandatory technical requirements as set out in Section D of the RFP Particulars (Appendix D) have been met. Proposals that do not comply with all of the mandatory technical requirements will, subject to the express and implied rights of the Government, be disqualified and not evaluated further.

2.3.2 Rated Criteria

The Government will evaluate each qualified proposal on the basis of the non-price rated criteria as set out in Section F of the RFP Particulars (Appendix D).

2.4 Stage III – Pricing

Stage III will consist of a scoring of the submitted pricing of each qualified proposal in accordance with the price evaluation method set out in Pricing (Appendix C). The evaluation of the price will be undertaken after the evaluation of mandatory requirements and rated criteria has been completed.

2.5 Selection of Top-Ranked Proponent

After the completion of Stage III, all scores from Stage II and Stage III will be added together and proponents will be ranked based on their total scores. Subject to the reserved rights of the Government, the top-ranked proponent will be selected to enter into the Agreement in accordance with the following section. In the event of a tie, the selected proponent will be the proponent selected by way of lowest price.

2.6 Notice to Proponent and Execution of Agreement

Notice of selection by the Government to the selected proponent shall be given in writing. The selected proponent shall execute the Agreement in the form attached as Appendix A to this RFP and satisfy any other applicable conditions of this RFP, including the pre-conditions of award listed in Section E of the RFP Particulars (Appendix D), within fifteen (15) days of notice of selection. This provision is solely for the benefit of the Government and may be waived by the Government.

2.7 Failure to Enter into Agreement

In addition to all of the Government's other remedies, if a selected proponent fails to execute the Agreement or satisfy any applicable conditions within fifteen (15) days of notice of selection, or other length of time as mutually agreed in writing, the Government may, without incurring any liability, withdraw the selection of that proponent and proceed with the selection of another proponent.

[End of Part 2]

PART 3 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP PROCESS

3.1 General Information and Instructions

3.1.1 Proponents to Follow Instructions

Proponents should structure their proposals in accordance with the instructions in this RFP. Where information is requested in this RFP, any response made in a proposal should reference the applicable section numbers of this RFP.

3.1.2 Proposals in English

All proposals must be written in the English language only.

3.1.3 No Incorporation by Reference

The entire content of the proponent's proposal should be submitted in a fixed form, and the content of websites or other external documents referred to in the proponent's proposal but not attached will not be considered to form part of its proposal.

3.1.4 References and Past Performance

In the evaluation process, the Government may include information provided by the proponent's referees and may also consider the proponent's past performance or conduct on previous contracts with the Government or other institutions.

3.1.5 Information in RFP Only an Estimate

The Government and its advisers make no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy of the information and empirical data contained in this RFP or issued by way of addenda. Any quantities shown or data contained in this RFP or provided by way of addenda are estimates only, and are for the sole purpose of indicating to proponents the general scale and scope of the Deliverables. It is the proponent's responsibility to obtain all the information necessary to prepare a proposal in response to this RFP.

3.1.6 Proponents to Bear Their Own Costs

The proponent will bear all costs associated with or incurred in the preparation and presentation of its proposal, including, if applicable, costs incurred for interviews, travel or demonstrations.

3.1.7 Proposal to be Retained by the Government

The Government will not return the proposal or any accompanying documentation submitted by a proponent.

3.1.8 No Guarantee of Volume of Work or Exclusivity of Contract

The Government makes no guarantee of the value or volume of work to be assigned to the successful proponent. The Agreement will not be an exclusive contract for the provision of the described Deliverables. The Government may contract with others for goods and services the same as or similar to the Deliverables or may obtain such goods and services internally.

3.1.9 Equivalency

When proprietary names, brands, catalogues or reference numbers are specified in the Deliverables, they are intended to set a minimum standard, and preference for any particular material or equipment is not intended. The proponent may offer material or equipment of similar characteristics, type, quality, appearance, finish, method of construction and performance and if doing so must disclose any difference in the characteristics, type, quality, appearance, finish, method of construction or performance of the material or equipment.

3.2 Communication after Issuance of RFP

3.2.1 Proponents to Review RFP

Proponents shall promptly examine all of the documents comprising this RFP, and

- (a) shall report any errors, omissions or ambiguities; and
- (b) may direct questions or seek additional information

in writing by email to the RFP Contact on or before the Deadline for Questions. All questions or comments submitted by proponents by email to the RFP Contact shall be deemed to be received once the email has entered into the RFP Contact's email inbox. No such communications are to be directed to anyone other than the RFP Contact. The Government is under no obligation to provide additional information, and the Government shall not be responsible for any information provided by or obtained from any source other than the RFP Contact. It is the responsibility of the proponent to seek clarification from the RFP Contact on any matter it considers to be unclear. The Government shall not be responsible for any misunderstanding on the part of the proponent concerning this RFP or its process.

3.2.2 All New Information to Proponents by Way of Addenda

This RFP may be amended only by addendum in accordance with this section. If the Government, for any reason, determines that it is necessary to provide additional information relating to this RFP, such information will be communicated to all proponents by addendum. All addenda will be published online at <https://www.gov.bm/procurement-notices>. Each addendum forms an integral part of this RFP and may contain important information, including significant changes to this RFP. Proponents are responsible for obtaining all addenda issued by the Government. In the Submission Form (Appendix B), proponents should confirm their receipt of all addenda by setting out the number of each addendum in the space provided.

3.2.3 Post-Deadline Addenda and Extension of Submission Deadline

If the Government determines that it is necessary to issue an addendum after the Deadline for Issuing Addenda, the Government may extend the Submission Deadline.

3.2.4 Verify and Clarify

When evaluating proposals, the Government may request further information from the proponent or third parties in order to verify or clarify the information provided in the proponent's proposal. The information may include, without limitation, clarification with respect to whether a response meets the mandatory technical requirements set out in Section D of the RFP Particulars

(Appendix D). The response received by the Government shall, if accepted by the Government, form an integral part of the proponent's proposal.

3.3 Notification and Debriefing

3.3.1 Notification to Other Proponents

Once the Agreement is executed by the Government and a proponent, the other proponents may be notified directly in writing of the outcome of the procurement process.

3.3.2 Debriefing

Proponents may request a debriefing after receipt of a notification of the outcome of the procurement process. All requests must be in writing to the RFP Contact and must be made within sixty (60) days of such notification.

3.3.3 Procurement Protest Procedure

If a proponent wishes to challenge the RFP process, it should provide written notice to the RFP Contact in accordance with the Government's Complaints and Disputes procedures. The notice must provide detailed explanation of the proponent's concern with the procurement process or its outcome.

3.4 Conflict of Interest and Prohibited Conduct

3.4.1 Conflict of Interest

For the purposes of this RFP, the term "Conflict of Interest" includes, but is not limited to, any situation or circumstance where:

- (a) in relation to the RFP process, the proponent has an unfair advantage or engages in conduct, directly or indirectly, that may give it an unfair advantage, including but not limited to (i) having, or having access to, confidential information of the Government in the preparation of its proposal that is not available to other proponents, (ii) communicating with any person with a view to influencing preferred treatment in the RFP process (including but not limited to the lobbying of decision makers involved in the RFP process), or (iii) engaging in conduct that compromises, or could be seen to compromise, the integrity of the open and competitive RFP process or render that process non-competitive or unfair; or
- (b) in relation to the performance of its contractual obligations contemplated under a contract for the Deliverables, the proponent's other commitments, relationships or financial interests (i) could, or could be seen to, exercise an improper influence over the objective, unbiased and impartial exercise of its independent judgement, or (ii) could, or could be seen to, compromise, impair or be incompatible with the effective performance of its contractual obligations.

3.4.2 Disqualification for Conflict of Interest

The Government may disqualify a proponent for any conduct, situation or circumstances, determined by the Government, in its sole and absolute discretion, to constitute a Conflict of Interest as defined above.

3.4.3 Disqualification for Prohibited Conduct

The Government may disqualify a proponent, rescind a notice of selection or terminate a contract subsequently entered into if the Government determines that the proponent has engaged in any conduct prohibited by this RFP.

3.4.4 Prohibited Proponent Communications

Proponents must not engage in any communications that could constitute a Conflict of Interest and should take note of the Conflict of Interest declaration set out in the Submission Form (Appendix B).

3.4.5 Proponent Not to Communicate with Media

Proponents must not at any time directly or indirectly communicate with the media in relation to this RFP or any agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP without first obtaining the written permission of the RFP Contact.

3.4.6 No Lobbying

Proponents shall not in relation to this RFP or the evaluation and selection process, engage directly or indirectly in any form of political action or other activity whatsoever to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, the Government, or to influence or attempt to influence any legislative or regulatory action, in the selection or evaluation of any proponent.

3.4.7 Illegal or Unethical Conduct

The proponent represents, warrants, and covenants that, in connection with activities performed under this Agreement or on behalf of the Government, the proponent has not and will not offer, promise, authorise, pay, or act in furtherance of an offer, promise, authorization, or payment of anything of value, directly or indirectly, to a Government Official (as hereinafter defined), political party or party official, candidate for political office, or official of a public international organisation, in order to obtain or retain business, to secure an improper advantage or benefit of any kind or nature to person(s) related, associated or linked to the Government Official, or to secure or influence discretionary action, inaction or a decision of a Government Official(s). For purposes of this proposal, the term "Government Official" shall mean and include any official, public officer or employee of the Government, as well as an official or employee in the judicial, legislative, or military, anyone acting in an official capacity for the Government, or any immediate family member of such persons. The proponent represents, warrants, and covenants that it has complied and will comply with *The Bribery Act 2016* and all other applicable laws of any relevant jurisdiction in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the proponent represents, warrants, and covenants that it has not and will not take any action that would cause the Government or anyone acting on their behalf to violate or be subjected to penalties under *The Bribery Act 2016*, or the applicable anti-corruption laws of other countries.

The proponent acknowledges and agrees that in the event that the Government believes, in good faith, that the proponent has breached this section, the Government shall have the right to immediately withdraw and terminate this opportunity and terminate any or all other agreements with the proponent.

3.4.8 Past Performance or Past Conduct

The Government may prohibit a supplier from participating in a procurement process based on past performance or based on inappropriate conduct in a prior procurement process, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) illegal or unethical conduct as described above;
- (b) the refusal of the supplier to honour its submitted pricing or other commitments; or
- (c) any conduct, situation or circumstance determined by the Government, in its sole and absolute discretion, to have constituted an undisclosed Conflict of Interest.

3.4.9 No Collusion

Proponents must not engage in any collusion and must sign the certificate as set out in the Certificate of Confirmation of Non-Collusion (Appendix E).

3.5 Confidential Information

3.5.1 Confidential Information of the Government

All information provided by or obtained from the Government in any form in connection with this RFP either before or after the issuance of this RFP

- (a) is the sole property of the Government and must be treated as confidential;
- (b) is not to be used for any purpose other than replying to this RFP and the performance of any subsequent contract for the Deliverables;
- (c) must not be disclosed without prior written authorization from the Government; and
- (d) must be returned by the proponent to the Government immediately upon the request of the Government.

3.5.2 Confidential Information of Proponent

- (a) A proponent should identify any information in its proposal or any accompanying documentation supplied in confidence for which confidentiality is to be maintained by the Government. The confidentiality of such information will be maintained by the Government, except as otherwise required by the *Public Access to Information Act 2010* ("PATI") or by order of a court or tribunal.
- (b) Proponents are advised that their proposals will, as necessary, be disclosed on a confidential basis to advisers retained by the Government to advise or assist with the RFP process, including the evaluation of proposals. If a proponent has any questions about the

collection and use of personal information pursuant to this RFP, questions are to be submitted to the RFP Contact.

- (c) The Proponent is responsible to ensure that they comply with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2016* ("PIPA"), related to any information in the proponent's custody, care or control.

3.6 Reserved Rights and Limitation of Liability

3.6.1 Reserved Rights of the Government

The Government reserves the right to

- (a) make public the names of any or all proponents;
- (b) make changes, including substantial changes, to this RFP provided that those changes are issued by way of addendum in the manner set out in this RFP;
- (c) request written clarification or the submission of supplementary written information in relation to the clarification request from any proponent and incorporate a proponent's response to that request for clarification into the proponent's proposal;
- (d) assess a proponent's proposal on the basis of: (i) a financial analysis determining the actual cost of the proposal when considering factors including quality, service, price and transition costs arising from the replacement of existing goods, services, practices, methodologies and infrastructure (howsoever originally established); and (ii) in addition to any other evaluation criteria or considerations set out in this RFP, consider any other relevant information that arises during this RFP process;
- (e) waive formalities and accept proposals that substantially comply with the requirements of this RFP;
- (f) verify with any proponent or with a third party any information set out in a proposal;
- (g) check references other than those provided by any proponent;
- (h) disqualify a proponent, rescind a notice of selection or terminate a contract subsequently entered into if the proponent has engaged in any conduct that breaches the process rules or otherwise compromises or may be seen to compromise the competitive process;
- (i) select a proponent other than the proponent whose proposal reflects the lowest cost to the Government;
- (j) cancel this RFP process at any stage;
- (k) cancel this RFP process at any stage and issue a new RFP for the same or similar deliverables;
- (l) accept any proposal in whole or in part; or
- (m) reject any or all proposals;

(n) enforce indemnity, limitation of liability or other rights that the Government may have;

and these reserved rights are in addition to any other express rights or any other rights that may be implied in the circumstances.

3.6.2 Limitation of Liability

By submitting a proposal, each proponent agrees that

- (a) neither the Government nor any of its employees, public officers, agents, elected or appointed officials, advisors or representatives will be liable, under any circumstances, for any loss or expense suffered or incurred by the proponent, arising out of this proposal process including but not limited to costs of preparation of the proposal, loss of profits, loss of opportunity to earn money or any other loss suffered or incurred by the proponent or for any other claim; and
- (b) the proponent waives any claim for any compensation of any kind whatsoever, including claims for costs of preparation of the proposal, loss of profit or loss of opportunity to earn money or any other loss suffered or incurred by the proponent by reason of the Government's decision to not accept the proposal submitted by the proponent, to enter into an agreement with any other proponent or to cancel this proposal process, upon entering into this proposal process, and the proponent shall be deemed to have agreed to waive such right or claim.

3.7 Governing Law and Interpretation

These Terms and Conditions of the RFP Process (Part 3)

- (a) are intended to be interpreted broadly and independently (with no particular provision intended to limit the scope of any other provision);
- (b) are non-exhaustive and shall not be construed as intending to limit the pre-existing rights of the Government; and
- (c) are to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Bermuda applicable therein.

[End of Part 3]

APPENDIX A – FORM OF AGREEMENT

The terms and conditions found in the sample Form of Agreement (Appendix A) are intended to provide advance notice of some of the key contractual provisions that would be contained in the form of contract.

See Annex A - AIA_C103-2015

Note - this template specifically contemplates no negotiation and as such there can be no changes to the Form of Agreement after posting.

APPENDIX B – SUBMISSION FORM

1. Proponent Information

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| <p>Please fill out the following form, naming one person to be the proponent's contact for the RFP process and for any clarifications or communication that might be necessary.</p> <p>If the company is incorporated and registered, then a Certificate of Incorporation and a Certificate of Incumbency is required and must be submitted with the Submission Form.</p> <p><u>Declaration of Interest:</u> The proponent shall provide details of its ownership and/or managerial structure upon request from the Government. The proponent shall also provide a statement of whether or not it has any relevant and material interest relevant to the provision of goods or services. Such statement shall be provided at least annually or if there is any change in the interest of the proponent</p> | |
| Full Legal Name of Proponent or Personal/Given Name: | |
| Representative Name (Person with Signing Authority) / Title: | |
| Any Other Relevant Name under which Proponent Carries on Business: | |
| Street Address: | |
| City, Province/State: | |
| Country: | |
| Postal Code: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| Proponent's Social Insurance Number issued by the Government of Bermuda: | |
| Proponent's Payroll Tax Number issued by the Government of Bermuda: | |
| Proponent's Registration Number issued by the Bermuda Registrar of Companies (if incorporated): | |
| Company Website (if any): | |
| Proponent Contact Name and Title: | |
| Proponent Contact Phone: | |
| Proponent Contact Fax: | |
| Proponent Contact Email: | |

2. Offer

The proponent has carefully examined the RFP documents and has a clear and comprehensive knowledge of the Deliverables required under the RFP. By submitting a proposal, the proponent agrees and consents to the terms, conditions and provisions of the RFP, including the Form of Agreement, and offers to provide the Deliverables in accordance therewith at the rates set out in its proposal.

3. Rates

The proponent has submitted its rates in accordance with the instructions in the RFP and in Pricing (Appendix C) in particular. The proponent confirms that it has factored all of the provisions of Appendix A, including insurance and indemnity requirements, into its pricing assumptions and calculations.

4. Addenda

The proponent is requested to confirm that it has received all addenda by listing the addenda numbers, _____ to _____ (if applicable) issued by the Government, or if no addenda were issued by the Government write the word "None". The onus is on proponents to make any necessary amendments to their proposals based on the addenda. The proponent confirms it has read, received and complied with these addenda. Proponents who fail to complete this section will be deemed to have received all posted addenda.

5. No Prohibited Conduct

The proponent declares that it has not engaged in any conduct prohibited by this RFP.

6. Conflict of Interest

Proponents must declare all potential Conflicts of Interest, as defined in section 3.4.1 of the RFP. This includes disclosing the names and all pertinent details of all individuals (employees, advisers, or individuals acting in any other capacity) who (a) participated in the preparation of the proposal; **AND** (b) were employees of the Government within twelve (12) months prior to the Submission Deadline.

If the box below is left blank, the proponent will be deemed to declare that (a) there was no Conflict of Interest in preparing its proposal; and (b) there is no foreseeable Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the RFP.

Otherwise, if the statement below applies, check the box.

- The proponent declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its proposal, and/or the proponent foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the RFP.

If the proponent declares an actual or potential Conflict of Interest by marking the box above, the proponent must set out below details of the actual or potential Conflict of Interest:

7. Proposal Irrevocable

The proponent agrees that its proposal shall be irrevocable for a period of 90 days following the Submission Deadline.

8. Disclosure of Information

Any information collected or used by or on behalf of the Government under this solicitation document is subject to the Public Access to Information Act 2010 (“Act”). The information belongs to a class of information that might be made available to the general public unless it is contained in a record that is exempt from disclosure under the Act. Any questions regarding the collection, use, or disclosure of the information should be directed to the public authority that issued this solicitation document.

9. Execution of Agreement

The proponent agrees that in the event its proposal is selected by the Government, in whole or in part, it will finalize and execute of the Agreement, in the form set out in Appendix A to this RFP in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Proponent Representative

Name of Witness

Name of Proponent Representative

Title of Proponent Representative

Date

I have the authority to bind the proponent.

END OF APPENIDIX B

SAMPLE CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY

The undersigned being the Secretary of the company as named below (the "Company"), a company duly organised and existing under the laws of the Islands of Bermuda and having its registered office as set out below **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the following is a true and correct listing of the Directors and Officers of the Company in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

DIRECTORS

List

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

List

OFFICERS

List

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my signature in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company.

Company Name:

Date:

Secretary/Director

APPENDIX C – PRICING

1. Instructions on How to Provide Pricing

- (a) Proponents should provide the information requested under section 3 below (“Required Pricing Information”) by reproducing and completing the table below in their proposals, or, if there is no table below, by completing the attached form and including it in their proposals.
- (b) Pricing must be provided in Bermuda funds, inclusive of all applicable duties and taxes, which should be itemized separately.
- (c) Pricing quoted by the proponent must be all-inclusive and must include all labour and material costs, all travel and carriage costs, all insurance costs, all costs of delivery, all costs of installation and set-up, including any pre-delivery inspection charges, and all other overhead, including any fees or other charges required by law.

2. Evaluation of Pricing

Pricing is worth 50 points of the total score.

Unless stated otherwise in the RFP documents, the Agreement shall be for the whole works as detailed in these documents and based on the completed pricing information, as submitted by the proponent.

The proponent shall fill in separate prices for all items of works described in the Price Breakdown. Items against which no price is entered by the proponent will not be paid for by the Government when executed and shall be deemed covered by the other lump sum prices in the Price Breakdown.

Pricing will be scored based on a relative pricing formula using the rates set out in the pricing form. Each proponent will receive a percentage of the total possible points allocated to price for the particular category it has bid on, which will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Lowest Price divide by Proponent's Price times weighting = Proponent's pricing points.

In addition to any rights to verify, clarify and supplement,

- (a) The Government will examine the responses to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order.
- (b) Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis:
 - (i) Where there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the proponent does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid will be rejected. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail;

- (ii) Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amounts in words will govern; and
- (iii) Where there is a discrepancy between the individual lump sums and the total amounts derived for the sum of the individual lump sum, the individual lump sum as quoted will govern, and the total amount will be corrected.

3. Required Pricing Information

See Annex B - Pricing Form

APPENDIX D – RFP PARTICULARS

A. THE DELIVERABLES

Mechanical/Plumbing & Electrical Design Services

See Annex C - Mechanical/Plumbing and Electrical Project Deliverables

B. MATERIAL DISCLOSURES

Annex G - GPO_Architectural Base Dwg's

C. MANDATORY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Submission Form (Appendix B)

Each proposal must include a Submission Form (Appendix B) completed and signed by an authorized representative of the proponent.

2. Pricing (Appendix C)

Each proposal must include pricing information that complies with the instructions contained in Pricing (Appendix C).

3. Certificate of Confirmation of Non-Collusion (Appendix E)

Each proposal must include a Certificate of Confirmation of Non-Collusion Form (Appendix E) completed and signed by an authorized representative of the Proponent.

4. Company Certificate of Incorporation

A signed copy of the Certificate of Incorporation must be included for proponents that are companies/corporations

5. Other Mandatory Submission Requirements

Local Benefits (Social, Economic and Environmental)

Each proposal must include a completed local benefits form.

See Annex D - Local Benefits

Acknowledgement of Appendix A

Each proposal must include a signed copy of the acknowledgement letter.

See Annex E - Acknowledgement Letter

Personnel Qualifications and References

Each proposal must include a completed copy of the Personnel Qualifications and Reference form.

See Annex F - Personnel Qualifications and References

Company Principals

Include the names of all company principals

Project Schedule

Provision of a professional service schedule for all Deliverables with critical paths indicated.

a) The schedule shall be in the form of a bar chart in electronic format (Microsoft Project) and will be fully detailed to include all construction activities from commencement to completion of the project. All critical path professional design service activities will be identified. The key milestones in the design process will also be identified.

b) The schedule shall show the most cost effective completion date.

c) The selected proponent shall make every effort to complete the Works by the stipulated completion shall adjust its schedule of activities accordingly.

d) The selected proponent shall pay extra costs to complete the work on schedule, which may be incurred because of increasing the labour force; increasing working hours either by overtime or by using shifts; using more equipment and machinery; or any other procedure which must be used.

e) Include in the schedule for any overtime or abnormal shift required to complete the project. Allow for extra care to minimize disruptions in an operational facility.

D. MANDATORY TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Engineers must be registered in Bermuda in accordance with the Professional Engineers Registration Act 1972.E. PRE-CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Financial Checks

Prior to awarding a contract to the selected proponent, the contracting department will perform financial checks to confirm whether the proponent is delinquent in making payments to the Government for Social Insurance contributions, Payroll Tax or any other debt recorded by the Accountant's General's Debt Collection Section, and will perform a check with the Bermuda Registrar of Companies to confirm whether the proponent is a proper legal entity that is in good standing.

2. Proof of Insurance

Valid proof of professional indemnity insurance at an appropriate level to cover the project's anticipated errors and omissions.

F. RATED CRITERIA

The following sets out the categories, weightings and descriptions of the rated criteria of the RFP. Proponents who do not meet a minimum threshold score for a category will not proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process.

| # | Category | Weighting (%) | Threshold |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | Pricing | 50 | N/A |
| 2 | Experience and Capacity | 20 | N/A |
| 3 | Local Benefits | 30 | N/A |
| Total Points | | 100 | |

1. Pricing

See Appendix C - Pricing

2. Experience and Capacity

Each proponent should provide the following in its proposal:

1. a brief description of the proponent;
2. a description of its knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the Deliverables; and
3. the roles and responsibilities of the proponent and any of its agents, employees and sub- contractors who will be involved in providing the Deliverables, together with the identity of those who will be performing those roles and their relevant respective expertise.

The following questions will be considered when each proposal is evaluated: -

- Are sufficient people with the requisite skills assigned to the project?
- Does the project team understand the Government's needs
- Does the proponent have the support capability required?
- Can the proponent lead, facilitate, and coordinate project planning and execution?
- Do the persons who will be working on the project have the necessary skills?

3. Local Benefits

Social, Economic and Environment

Each proponent is requested to complete the Local Benefit Form attached.

The information gathered in the Local Benefits form will be used to evaluate each proposal

Considerations will be given to each of the following factors:

1. Engagement of Bermudian employees during the project ;
2. If the Proponent is a specified business;
3. If the Proponent uses a specified business in their supply chain;
4. If the Proponent uses specified businesses and subcontractors;

5. If the Proponent uses evidence of providing mentoring, apprenticeships for Bermudians or are willing to offer them; • If the Proponent uses evidence of providing internships for Bermudians or are willing to offer them;
6. Safety and Health Policy;
7. Safety and health record of the Proponent for the three immediately preceding years of reporting;
8. Environmental Considerations; and
9. Submittal of Incumbency Certificate Information

APPENDIX E – CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION OF NON-COLLUSION

Notes for the Proponents

The essence of Open Tendering is that the Government of Bermuda shall receive bona fide competitive proposals from suitably qualified persons or entities. In recognition of this principle, each person or entity that submits a proposal will be required, by way of the signature of a duly authorized representative of the company, to confirm that the proposal has been submitted without any form of collusion.

All proponents must complete and sign a Certificate of Confirmation of Non-Collusion. Any proposals submitted which do not include a signed copy of the Certificate will be wholly rejected and will not be included in the evaluation process.

If it is later found that the undertakings made below have been breached at any stage of the procurement process, then the proponent will be expelled from the process immediately. In the event that this is discovered after a contract award, legal action may be taken against the proponent and/or any party involved in the matter.

Any proponent that submits false information in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP), and any other person or entity involved in collusion, may be excluded from competing for future contracts tendered by the Government of Bermuda.

Confirmation of non-collusion

I/We certify that this is a bona fide proposal, intended to be competitive and that I/We have abided by the terms and conditions related to this proposal and that I/We have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the proposal or the rates and prices quoted by or under or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person.

I/We confirm that we have not received any information, other than that contained within the RFP pack, or supplementary information provided to all proponents.

I/We also certify that I/We have not done and undertake that I/We will not do at any time any of the following acts:

- (a) communicating to a person other than the RFP Contact the amount or approximate amount of my/our proposed proposal (other than in confidence in order to obtain quotations necessary for the preparation of the proposal for insurance);
- (b) entering into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from competing or as to the amount of any proposal to be submitted; or
- (c) offering or agreeing to pay or give or paying any sum of money, inducement, gift /hospitality or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person in relation to this procurement.

By signing this document, I/we have read and agree to its terms and conditions.

(1) _____ Title _____ Date _____

(2) _____ Title _____ Date _____

for and on behalf of _____