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OPEN NATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

**TENDERFILE N° 05/ONIT/MINDEVEL/NWR/NGOK/BC/BCITB/PIB/2026 OF 10/01/2026 FOR
THE GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO
JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND
ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT
MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION .**

PROJECT OWNER: **THE LORD MAYOR OF BALIKUMBAT COUNCIL**

FINANCING: **MINHDU PIB – 2026**

BUDGET HEAD:

AUTHORISATION N°.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2026



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Financing: MINHDU Public Investment Budget of 2026

Subject of the invitation to tender: Within the framework of 2026 Investment Budget, the Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council; Project Owner and Contracting Authority hereby launches on Open National Invitation to Tender for the **GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION.**

1. Nature of work:

Work to be done consists of preparatory works, grading and opening and grading of part of the road works, drainage works on the roads heein below

DESCRIPTION	IMPUTATION
GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION .	

2. Execution deadline

The maximum deadline provided by the Contracting Authority for the execution of the works forming the subject of this invitation to tender is **four (04) calendar months**

3. Estimated cost

The estimated cost after preliminary studies is **50 000 000 (fifty million) CFA Francs.**

4. Participation and origin

Participation to this invitation to tender is open to Cameroonian enterprises that are in compliance with the fiscal laws.

5. Financing

Works which form the subject of this invitation to tender shall be financed by the 2026 Public Investment Budget of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

6. Bid bond

Each bidder must include in his administrative documents, a bid bond issued by a first-rate banking establishment approved by the Ministry in charge of finance and whose list is found in the Tender File, of an amount of

1,000,000 CFA (one million) **CFA Francs**, valid for thirty (30) days beyond the date of validity of bids. As per article 90 (9) of the Public contract Code (Decree No. 2018/366 OF 20 June 2018), certified cheques or bank cheques are acceptable in the place of bid bond.

7. Consultation of Tender File:

The file may be consulted during working hours at the technical service of the **BALIKUBAT Council**, Telephone **N° 237 670 912 286**; as soon as this notice is published.

8. Acquisition of tender file:

The file may be obtained from the technical service of the **BALIKUBAT Council**, Telephone **N° 237 670 912 286**; as soon as this notice is published against payment of the sum of **65,000** CFA francs, payable at the **BALIKUBAT Council** Municipal Treasury, representing the cost of purchasing the tender file.

9. Submission of bids:

Each offer drafted in English or French in 07 (six) copies including 01 (one) original and 06 (five) copies should reach the **BALIKUBAT COUNCIL JUNCTION** not later than **06/02/ 2026 at 10:00 AM** local time and should carry the inscription:

TO THE PROJECT OWNER

“OPEN NATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

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“To be opened only during the bid-opening session”

10. Admissibility of bids

Under penalty of being rejected, only originals or true copies certified by the issuing service or administrative authorities (Senior Divisional Officer, Divisional Officers) must imperatively be produced in accordance with the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender.

They must obligatorily be not older than three (3) months preceding the date of LAUNCHING OF THE TENDERS or may be established after the signature of the tender notice

Any bid not in compliance with the prescriptions of the Tender File shall be declared inadmissible. This refers especially to the absence of a bid bond issued by a first-rate bank approved by the Minister in charge of Finance. .

11. Opening of bids:

The bids shall be opened in a single phase. The opening of the administrative documents, the Technical and Financial offers will take place on the **06/02/ 2026** at 11:00 am local time, at the Conference hall **BALIKUBAT Council** by the **BALIKUMBAT Council Internal Tenders' Board**. Only bidders may attend or be represented by duly mandated persons of their choice.

12. 14. Evaluation criteria

The bids shall be evaluated according to the main criteria as follows:

A. Eliminatory criteria

- **Outright elimination during the opening session of the bids**
 1. **Absence of the bid bond**
 - **Elimination during the evaluation of bids by the adhoc committee**
 2. **Absence or non-conformity of an element in the administrative file;**
 3. **Deadline for delivery higher than prescribed;**
 4. **False declaration or falsified documents;**
 5. **A bid with the external envelope carrying a sign or mark leading to the identification of the bidder;**
 6. **Incomplete financial file;**
 7. **Change of quantity or unit of the Tender file in the financial bid;**
 8. **Non respect of 75% (15/20) of essential criteria;**

During the opening session of the bids if a document of the administrative bid is absent or noncompliant, the bidder will be given forty eight (48) hours to produce or replace the said document else it will be eliminated during the evaluation of the bids. No such document will be accepted after this deadline.

B. Essential criteria

1. General presentation of the tender files;
2. Financial capacity;
3. References of the company in similar achievements;
4. Quality of the personnel;
5. Technical organization of the works;
6. Safety measures on the site;
7. Logistics;
8. Attestation and report of site visit;
9. Special Technical Clauses initialed in all the pages;
10. Special Administrative Clauses completed and initialed in all the pages.

These essential criteria are subject to lower limits, the details of which are spelled out in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender

13. Award

This evaluation will be done in a purely a purely binary method with a positive (Yes) or negative (No) with an acceptable minimum of 75% (15/20) of the essential criteria taken into account.

The contract will be awarded to the bidder who would have proposed the offer with the lowest reasonable amount, in conformity with the regulations of the Tender Documents and having satisfied to 100% of the eliminatory criteria and at least 75% (15/20) of the essential criteria.

Pursuant to justification by bidder, unconvincing abnormally low costing will not be accepted spelled out in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender of this consultation.

14. Validity of bids

Bidders will remain committed to their offers for sixty (60) days from the deadline set for the submission of tenders.

15. 1Complementary information

Complementary technical information may be obtained during working hours at the Technical Service of the BALIKUBAT Council Telephone N° 237 670 912 286; Done at BALIKUMBAT on the, _____

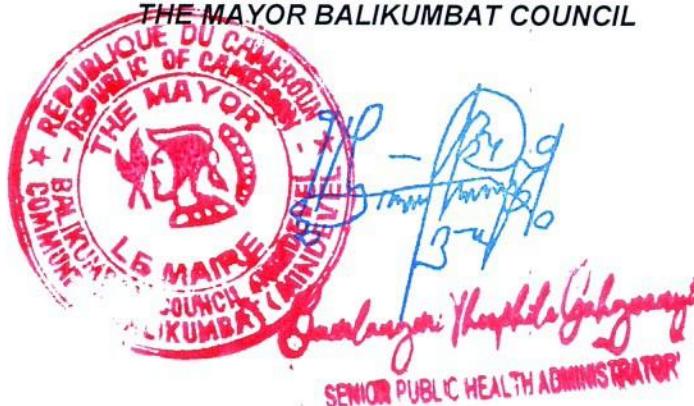
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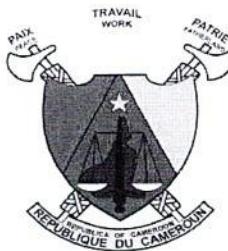
The Project Owner
(Contracting Authority)

THE MAYOR BALIKUMBAT COUNCIL

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- ARMP
- Contracting Entity
- Chairperson of TB
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AVIS D'APPEL D'OFFRES NATIONAL OUVERT

N° 05/ONIT/MINDEVEL/NWR/NGOK./BC/BCITB/PIB/2026 DU 10/01/2026

POUR LES TRAVAUX DE NIVELLEMENT ET CREATION DE CANIVEAUX SUR LA ROUTE DE QUATIERS BARRACKS A JOGURU AVEC TROIS PONCEAUX EN BETON ARME ET ROUTE INTERSECTION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL VERS LE QUARTIER DE KENGANG DE LA MUNICIPALITE DE BALIKUMBAT, DEPARTEMENT DE LA NGOKETUNJIA DE LA REGION DU NORD-OUEST.

Financement : MINHDU D'INVESTISSEMENT PUBLIC (BIP MINHDU) - EXERCICE 2026

1. Objet de l'Appel d'Offres

Dans le cadre de l'exercice budgétaire 2026, Monsieur le Maire de la commune de BALIKUMBAT, Maître d'Ouvrage et autorité contractante lance un Appel d'Offres National Ouvert pour les travaux POUR LES TRAVAUX DE NIVELLEMENT ET CREATION DE CANIVEAUX SUR LA ROUTE DE QUATIERS BARRACKS A JOGURU AVEC TROIS PONCEAUX EN BETON ARME ET ROUTE INTERSECTION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL VERS LE QUARTIER DE KENGANG DE LA MUNICIPALITE DE BALIKUMBAT, DEPARTEMENT DE LA NGOKETUNJIA DE LA REGION DU NORD-OUEST.

2. Consistance des travaux

Les travaux comprennent notamment les travaux de réhabilitation de la section de route ci-dessus et d'assainissement

3. Délais d'exécution

Le délai maximum prévu le Maître d'Ouvrage pour la réalisation des travaux objet du présent appel d'offres est de trois (03) mois calendaires et court à compter de la date de notification de l'ordre de service de démarrage des travaux.

4. Coût prévisionnel

Le coût prévisionnel de l'opération à l'issue des études préalables est de vingt sept million sept cent cent mille (50 000 000) de Francs CFA

5. Participation et origine

La participation à cette consultation est ouverte aux entreprises de droit camerounais ayant une expérience avérée dans le domaine concerné et ayant réalisées des opérations similaires et qui sont en règle fiscal.

6. Financement

Les travaux objet du présent appel d'offres sont financés par le budget d'investissement public du Ministère du développement urbain et de l'Habitat de l'exercice 2026

7. Cautionnement de soumission

Chaque soumissionnaire doit joindre à ses pièces administratives, une caution de soumission établie par une banque de premier ordre agréée par le Ministère chargé des finances et dont la liste figure dans la pièce 12 du DAO, d'un montant d'un million (1,000,000) FCFA et valable pendant trente (30) jours au-delà de la date de validité des offres. Conformément à article 90 (9) du code des Marchés Publics (Décret N° 2018/366 du 20 Juin 2018), des chèques certifiés et chèques-banques sont admis à la place du cautionnement de soumission.

8. Consultation du Dossier d'Appel d'Offres

Le Dossier d'Appel d'Offres peut être consulté et obtenu aux heures ouvrables à la Section Technique de la commune **Balikumbat** Telephone **Nº 237 670 912 286**; dès publication du présent avis.

9. Acquisition du Dossier d'Appel d'Offres

Le dossier d'Appel d'Offres peut être obtenu aux heures ouvrables à la Section Technique de la commune **Balikumbat** Tél. **Nº 237 670 912 286**; dès publication du présent avis, sous présentation d'une quittance de versement à la recette municipale de la commune de **Balikumbat** de la somme non remboursable de **65,000 F CFA de frais d'acquisition du Dossier**

10. Remise des offres

Chaque offre rédigée en français ou en anglais en sept (06) exemplaires dont un (01) original et (05) copies marquées comme telles, devra parvenir contre récépissé à la commune de **Balikumbat** au plus tard le **06/02/2026 à 10** heures locales et devra porter la mention suivante :

A MONSIEUR LE MAITRE D'OUVRAGE

«APPEL D'OFFRES NATIONAL OUVERT N° 05/ONIT/MINDEL/RNO/NGOK/BC/BCITB/PIB/2026 DU 10/01/2026
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VERS LE QUARTIER DE KENGANG DE LA MUNICIPALITE DE BALIKUMBAT, DEPARTEMENT DE LA NGOKETUNJIA
DE LA REGION DU NORD-OUEST.

«A N'OUVRIR QU'EN SEANCE DE DEPOUILLEMENT»

11. Recevabilité des offres

Sous peine de rejet, les pièces du dossier administratif requises doivent être produites en originaux ou en copies certifiées conformes par le service émetteur ou une autorité administrative (Préfet, Sous-préfet,...), conformément aux stipulations du Règlement Particulier de l'Appel d'Offres.

La date limite de validité des pièces administratives susvisées doit être postérieure à celle de lancement de la consultation (date de signature de l'Avis d'Appel d'Offres).

Toute offre incomplète conformément aux prescriptions du Dossier d'Appel d'Offres sera déclarée irrecevable. L'absence de la caution de soumission délivrée par une banque de premier ordre agréée par le Ministère chargé des Finances entraînera un rejet séance tenante de l'ouverture des plis.

12. Ouverture des plis

L'ouverture des plis se fera en un seul temps. L'ouverture des pièces administratives et des offres techniques et financières aura lieu le **06/02/ 2026 à 11** heures précises, dans la salle de conférences de la commune de **BALIKUMBAT**, par la Commission interne de Passation des Marchés de la commune de **BALIKUMBAT** siégeant en présence des soumissionnaires ou de leurs représentants dûment mandatés et ayant une parfaite connaissance de leurs offres.

13. Critères d'évaluation

Les offres seront évaluées selon les principaux critères suivants :

A - Critères éliminatoires

Il s'agit notamment de:

PENDANT LA SEANCE D'OUVERTURE DES OFFRES

1- Absence de la caution de soumission ;

PENDANT L'EVALUATION DES OFFRES EN SOUS-COMMISSION D'ANALYSE DES OFFRES

1. Absence ou non-conformité du dossier administratif
2. Délai d'exécution supérieur à celui prescrit (supérieur à trois mois) ;
3. Fausses déclarations ou pièces falsifiées;
4. Offre dont l'enveloppe extérieure porte des mentions permettant de reconnaître le Soumissionnaire;
5. Offres financière incomplète,
6. Le changement d'une unité ou d'une quantité du DAO dans l'offre financière ;
7. Le non-respect de **75% (15/20)** des critères essentiels ;

N.B. En cas d'absence ou de nonconformité d'une pièce du dossier administratif lors de l'ouverture des plis, un délai de quarante huit (48) heures est accordé aux soumissionnaires concernés pour remplacer la pièce en question. Passé ce délai, la pièce ne sera plus acceptée et l'offre ne sera éliminée.

B - Critères essentiels

Les critères relatifs à la qualification des candidats porteront à titre indicatif sur:

- 1- Présentation générale de l'offre ;
- 2- Capacité financière;
- 3- Références de l'entreprise dans les travaux similaires;
- 4- Qualité des ressources humaines;
- 5- Méthodologie d'exécution des travaux;
- 6- Mesures de sécurité envisagées pour l'exécution des travaux;
- 7- Moyens matériels de l'entreprise;
- 8- Attestation et rapport de visite du site;
- 9- Cahier des Clauses Techniques Particulières paraphé à chaque page et signé à la dernière page;
- 10- Cahier des Clauses Administratives Particulières paraphé à chaque page signé à la dernière page;.

Les critères essentiels sont soumis à des minima dont le détail est donné dans le Règlement Particulier de l'Appel d'Offres (RPAO).

14. Attribution

Cette évaluation se fera de manière purement binaire avec avec des positifs (oui) ou négatifs (non) et dont le minimum des « oui » acceptable est d'au moins **75% (15/20)** de l'ensemble des critères essentiels pris en compte.

Le marché sera attribué au soumissionnaire qui aura proposé l'offre la moins disante, conforme pour l'essentiel aux prescriptions du Dossier d'Appel d'Offres, ayant satisfait à **100%** des critères éliminatoires et au moins **75% (15/20)** des critères essentiels.

15. Durée de validité des offres

Les soumissionnaires restent engagés par leur offre pendant 60 jours à partir de la date limite fixée pour la remise des offres.

16. Renseignements complémentaires

Les renseignements complémentaires d'ordre technique peuvent être obtenus auprès de la Section Technique de la **commune de BALIKUMBAT** Tél.: **Nº 237 670 912 286;**

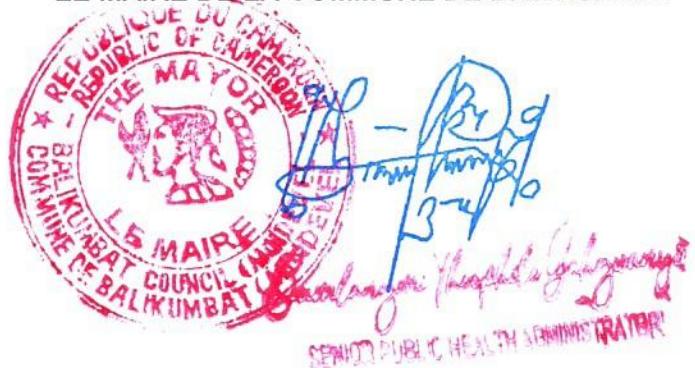
Fait à BALIKUMBAT, le 10 JAN 2026

Le Maître d'Ouvrage

(Autorité contractante)

LE MAIRE DE LA COMMUNE DE BALIKUMBAT

- MINMAP
- ARMP;
- Maître d'Ouvrage
- Présidents CPM;
- Affichage.



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GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE INVITATION TO TENDER

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GENERAL RULES OF THE INVITATION TO TENDER

A. General

Article 1: Scope of the tender

- 1.1 The Contracting Authority as defined in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender hereby launches an invitation to tender for the construction of the works described in the Tender File and briefly described in the Special Regulations.
- 1.2 The bidder retained or the preferred bidder must complete the works within the time- limit indicated in the Special Regulations and which time-limit runs from the date of notification of the Administrative Order.
- 1.2 In this Tender File, the term "day" means a calendar day.

Article 2: Financing

The source of financing of the works forming the subject of this invitation to tender shall be specified in the Special Regulations.

Article 3: Fraud and corruption

3.1 The Contracting Authority requires of bidders and contractors the strict respect of rules of professional ethics during the award and execution of public contracts. By virtue of this principle:

- a) The following definitions shall be admitted:
 - i) Shall be guilty of "corruption" whoever offers, gives, requests or accepts any advantage in view of influencing the action of a public official during the award or execution of a contract;
 - ii) Is involved in "fraudulent manoeuvres" whoever deforms or distorts facts in order to influence the award or execution of a contract;
 - iii) "Collusive practices" shall mean any form of agreement between two or among several bidders (whether the Contracting Authority is aware or not) aimed at artificially maintaining the prices of bids at levels not corresponding to those resulting from competition;
 - iv) "Coercive practices" shall mean any form of harm against persons or their property or threats against them in order to influence their action during the award or execution of a contract.
- b) Any proposed award shall be rejected if it is proved that the proposed preferred bidder is directly or through an intermediary, guilty of corruption or is involved in fraudulent manoeuvres, collusive or coercive practices for the award of this contract.

3.2 The Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of public contracts may, as a precaution, take a decision of exclusion from bidding for a period not exceeding two (2) years against any bidder found guilty of influence peddling, of conflicts of interest, insider trading, fraud, corruption or production of non-genuine documents in the bid, without prejudice to criminal proceedings that may be brought against him

Article 4: Candidates allowed to compete

- 4.1 If the invitation to tender is restricted, consultation is addressed to all candidates retained after a pre-qualification procedure.
- 4.2 Generally, the invitation to tender is addressed to all entrepreneurs, subject to the following provisions:
 - (a) a bidder (including all members of a group of enterprises and all sub-contractors to the bidder), in accordance with the funding agreement.
 - (b) a bidder (including all members of a group of enterprises and all sub-contractors to the bidder) must not be in a situation of conflict of interest, subject to disqualification. A bidder shall be judged to be in a situation of conflict of interest if he:
 - i) is or was associated in the past with an enterprise (or a subsidiary of this enterprise) which provided consultancy services for the conception, preparation of specifications and other documents used within the scope of contracts awarded for this invitation to tender; or

- ii) Presents more than one bid within the context of invitation to tender, except authorised variants according to article 17, where need be; meanwhile, this does not prevent the participation of sub-contractors in more than one bid.
- iii) The Contracting Authority or Project Owner has financial interests in the capital in a way as to compromise the transparency of the procedures of award of public contracts.
- (c) The bidder must not have been excluded from bidding for public contracts.
- (d) A Cameroonian public enterprise may participate in the consultation if it can demonstrate that it is (i) legally and financially autonomous, (ii) managed according to commercial laws and (iii) not under the direct supervisory authority of the Contracting Authority or Project Owner.

Article 5: Building materials, materials, supplies, equipment and authorised services

- 5.1 Building materials, the contractor's materials, supplies, equipment and services forming the subject of this contract must originate from countries meeting the criteria of origin defined in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender and all expenditure done within the context of the contract shall be limited to the said building materials, materials, supplies, equipment and services.
- 5.2 Within the meaning of this 5.1 above, the term "originate" shall designate the place where the goods are extracted, cultivated, produced, manufactured and from where the services originate.

Article 6: Qualification of bidder

- 6.1 As an integral part of their bid, bidders must:
 - (a) Submit a power of attorney making the signatory of the bid bound by the bid; and
 - (b) Provide all information (complete or update information included in their request for pre-qualification which may have changed in the case where the candidates took part in pre-qualification) requested of bidders in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender, in order to establish their qualification to execute the contract.
- Where necessary, bidders should provide information relating to the following points:
 - (i) The production of certified balance sheets and recent turnovers;
 - (ii) Access to a line of credit or availability of other financial resources;
 - (iii) Orders acquired and contracts awarded;
 - (iv) Pending litigations;
 - (v) Availability of indispensable equipment.

- 6.2 Bids presented by two or more associated undertakings (joint-contracting) must satisfy the following conditions:
 - (a) The bid must include all the information listed in article 6(1) above. The Special Regulations must indicate the information to be furnished by the group and that to be furnished by each member of the group;
 - (b) The bid and the contract must be signed in a way that is binding on all members of the group;
 - (c) The nature of the group (joint or several) must be specified in the Special Regulations and justified with the production of a joint venture agreement in due form;
 - (d) The member of the group designated as the representative will represent all the undertakings vis à vis the Project Owner and Contracting Authority with regard to the execution of the Contract;
 - (e) In case of joint co-contracting, the co-contractors shall share the sums which are paid by the Project Owner into a single account. On the other hand, each undertaking is paid into its own account by the Project Owner where it is joint co-contracting.

- 6.3 Bidders must equally present sufficiently detailed proposals to demonstrate that they comply with the technical specifications and execution time-limits set in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender.
- 6.4 Bidders requesting to benefit from the margin of preference must furnish all the necessary information to prove that they satisfy the eligibility criteria set in article 33 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender.

Article 7: Visit of works site

7.1 The bidder is advised to visit and inspect the site and its environs and obtain by himself and under his own responsibility, all the information which may be necessary for the preparation of the bid and the execution of the works. The related cost of the visit of the site shall be borne by the bidder.

7.2 The Project Owner shall authorise the bidder and his employees or agents to enter the premises and the land for the said visit but only on the express condition that the bidder, his employees and agents free the Project Owner, his employees and agents of any responsibility that may ensue and indemnify them if necessary and that they shall remain responsible for any deadly or corporal accident, loss or material damages, costs and fees incurred from this visit.

7.3 The Project Owner may organise a visit of the site of the works during the preparatory meeting to establishing the bids mentioned in article 19 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender.

B. Tender File

Article 8: Content of Tender File

8.1 The Tender File describes the works forming the subject of the contract, sets the consultation procedure of contractors and specifies the terms of the contract. Besides the addendum (addenda) published in accordance with article 10 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender, it includes the following documents:

Document No. 1. The tender notice;

Document No. 2. The General Regulations of the invitation to tender;

Document No. 3. The Special Regulations of the invitation to tender;

Document No. 4. The Special Administrative Conditions;

Document No. 5. The Special Technical Conditions;

Document No. 6. The schedule of unit prices;

Document No. 7. The bill of quantities and estimates;

Document No. 8. The sub details of unit prices;

Document No. 9. Model documents of the contract:

a. The execution schedule;

b. Model of forms presenting the equipment, personnel and references;

c. Model bidding letter;

d. Model bid bond;

e. Model final bond;

f. Model of bond of start-off advance;

g. Model of guarantee in replacement of the retention fund;

h. Model contract;

Document No. 10. Models to be used by bidders;

a. Model contract;

Document No. 11. Justifications of preliminary studies; to be filled by the Project Owner;

Document No. 12. List of first grade banking establishments or financial institutions approved by the Minister in charge of Finance authorised to issue bonds for public contracts to be inserted by the Contracting Authority.

8.2 The bidder must examine all the regulations, forms, conditions and specifications contained in the Tender File. It is up to him to furnish all the information requested and prepare a bid in compliance with all aspects of the said file.

Article 9: Clarifications on the Tender File and complaints

9.1 Any bidder who wants to obtain clarifications on the Tender File may request them from the Contracting Authority in writing or by electronic mail (fax or email) at the Contracting Authority's address indicated in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender and send a copy to the Project Owner. The Contracting Authority replies in writing to any request for clarification received at least fourteen (14) days prior to the deadline for the submission of bids.

A copy of the Contracting Authority's response, indicating the question posed but not mentioning the author, is addressed to all bidders who bought the Tender File.

9.2 Between the publication of the tender notice including the pre-qualification phase of candidates and the opening of bids, any bidder who feels aggrieved in the public contracts award procedure may lodge a complaint to the Minister in charge of Public Contracts.

9.3 A copy of the complaint should be addressed to the Contracting Authority and to the body in charge of the regulation of public contracts and the chairperson of the Tenders Board.

9.4 The Contracting Authority has five (5) days to react. A copy of the reaction shall be forwarded to MINMAP and the body in charge of the regulation of public contracts.

Article 10: Amendment of the Tender File

10.1 The Contracting Authority may at any moment, prior to the deadline for the submission of bids and for any reason, be it at his initiative or in reply to a request for clarification formulated by a bidder, amend the Tender File by publishing an addendum.

10.2 Any published addendum shall be an integral part of the Tender File, in accordance with article 8.1 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender and must be communicated in writing or made known by a traceable means to all bidders who bought the Tender File.

10.3 In order to give bidders sufficient time to take account of the addendum in the preparation of their bids, the Contracting Authority may postpone as is necessary, the deadline for the submission of bids, in accordance with provisions of article 22 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender.

C Preparation of bids

Article 11: Tender costs

The candidate shall bear the costs related to the preparation and presentation of his bid and the Contracting Authority and the Project Owner shall in no case be responsible for these costs nor pay for them whatever the evolution or outcome of the invitation to tender procedure.

Article 12: Language of bid

The bid as well as any correspondence and any document exchanged between the bidder and the Contracting Authority shall be written in English or French. Complementary documents and the forms provided by the bidder may be written in another language on condition that a precise translation into either English or French of the passages concerning the bid is included; in which case for reasons of interpretation, the translation shall be considered to be authentic.

Article 13: Constituent documents of the bid

13.1 The bid presented by the bidder shall include the documents detailed in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender, duly filled and put together in three volumes:

a. Volume 1: Administrative file

It includes:

- i) all documents attesting that the bidder:
 - has subscribed to all declarations provided for by the laws and regulations in force;
 - paid all taxes, duties, contributions, fees or deductions of whatever nature;
 - is not winding up or bankrupt;
 - is not the subject of an exclusion order or forfeiture provided for by the law in force;
- ii) The bid bond established in accordance with the provisions of article 17 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender;
- iii) the written confirmation empowering the signatory of the bid to commit the bidder, in accordance with the provisions of article 6(1) the General Regulations of invitation to tender.

b. Volume 2: Technical bid

b.1 Information on qualifications

The Special Regulations list the documents to be furnished by bidders to justify the qualification criteria mentioned in article 6(1) of the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender.

b.2 Methodology

The Special Conditions of the invitation to tender specifies the constituent elements of the technical bid of the bidders especially: a methodological statement on an analysis of the works and specifying the organisation and programme which the bidder intends to put in place or use to execute the works (installations, schedule, Quality Assurance Plan (QAP), sub-contracting, attestation of visit of the site, where necessary, etc).

b.3 Proof of acceptance of conditions of the contract

The bidder shall submit duly initialled copies of the administrative and technical documents relating to the contract, namely:

1. The Special Administrative Conditions (SAC);
2. The Special Technical Conditions.(STC).

b.4 Commentaries (optional)

A commentary on the technical choices of the project and possible proposals.

c. Volume 3: Financial bid

The Special Regulations specify the elements that will help in justifying the cost of the works, namely:

1. The signed and dated original bid prepared according to the attached model, stamped at the prevailing rate;
2. The duly filled Unit Price Schedule;
3. The duly filled detailed estimates;
4. The sub-details of prices and/or breakdown of all-in prices;
5. The projected schedule of payments, where need be.

In this regard, the bidders will use the documents and models provided in the Tender File, subject to the provisions of article 17(2) of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender concerning the other possible forms of guarantees.

13.2 If in accordance with the provisions of the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender, the bidders present bids for several lots of the same invitation to tender, they could indicate rebates offered in case of award of more than one lot.

Article 14: Bid price

14.1 Except otherwise stated in the Tender File, the amount of the contract shall cover all the works described in article 1.1 of the General Regulations of the invitation to tender, on the basis of the price schedule and the detailed bill of quantities and estimates presented by the bidder.

14.2 The bidder shall fill the unit prices and totals of all items on the schedule and bill of quantities and estimates.

14.3 Subject to contrary provisions provided for in the Special Regulations and in the Special Administrative Conditions, all dues, taxes and fees payable by the bidder on grounds of the contract or on any other ground, thirty (30) days prior to the submission of the bids, shall be included in the prices and in the total amount of the bid presented by the bidder.

14.4 If a price revision/updating clause is provided for in the contract, the date of establishment of the initial price, as well as the price revision/updating conditions for the said price must be specified. This is with the understanding that any contract of duration less than one (1) year shall not be subject to price revision.

14.5 All unit prices must be justified by sub-details established in accordance with the structure proposed in document 8 of the Tender File.

Article 15: Currency of bid and payment

15.1 In case of international invitations to tender, the currencies of the bid shall follow the provisions of either Option A or Option B below, the applicable option being that retained in the Special Regulations of the invitation to tender.

15.2 Option A: The amount of the bid shall be entirely made in the national currency.

The amount of the bid, unit prices of the price schedule and the prices of the bill of quantities and estimates are completely made in CFA francs in the following manner:

- a) Prices shall be entirely drawn in the national currency. The bidder who intends to commit expenditures in other currencies for the execution of the works shall indicate in the annex to the bid the percentage(s) of the amount of the bid necessary to cover the needs in foreign currencies, without exceeding the maximum of the three currencies of member countries of the funding institution of the contract.
- b) The exchange rates used by the bidder to convert his bid into the national currency shall be specified by the bidder in an annex to the bid in compliance with the specifications of the Special Regulations. These rates shall be applied for any payment within the framework of the contract so that the retained bidder does not bear any change in the exchange rate.

15.3 Option B: The amount of the bid shall be directly made in the national and foreign currency at the rates fixed in the Special Regulations.

The bidder shall draw the unit prices of the price schedule and the prices of the bill of quantities and estimates in the following manner:

- (a) The prices of inputs necessary for the works which the bidder intends to procure in the Contracting Authority's country shall be in currency of the Contracting Authority's country specified in the Special Regulations and called "national currency";
- (a) The prices of inputs necessary for works which bidder intends to procure out of the Contracting Authority's country shall be in the currency of the country of origin of the bidder or of the currency of an eligible member country widely used in international trade.

15.4 The Contracting Authority may request the bidders to explain the needs in national and foreign currencies and to justify that the amounts included in the unit and total prices, and indicated in annex to the bids are reasonable; to this end, a detailed statement of their needs in foreign currencies shall be furnished by the bidder.

15.5 During the execution of the works, most of the foreign currency to be paid as part of contract may be revised by mutual agreement between the Contracting Authority and the entrepreneur in a way as take account of any modification in the foreign currency needs within the context of the contract.

Article 16: Validity of bids

16.1 Bids must remain valid during the period stated in the Special Regulations from the date of submission of the bids fixed by the Contracting Authority, in application of article 22 of the Special Regulations. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Contracting Authority as not being in compliance.

16.2 Under exceptional circumstances, the Contracting Authority may seek the approval of bidders to extend the validity time-limit. The request and the responses that will be given shall be in writing (or by fax). The validity of the bid bond provided for in article 17 of the General Regulations shall equally be extended for a corresponding duration. A bidder may refuse to extend the validity of his bid without losing his bid bond. A bidder who consents to an extension shall not be asked to modify his bid nor shall he be authorised to do so.

16.3 Where the contract does not include a 'price revision clause and that the period of validity of bids is extended by more than sixty (60) days, the amounts payable to the bidder retained shall be updated by application of the related formula featuring in the request for extension that the Contracting Authority addressed to bidders.

The updating period shall run from the date of overrun of sixty (60) days to the date of notification of the contract or the Administrative Order for start of execution of works by the retained bidder, as specified in the Special Administrative Conditions. The effect of updating shall not be taken into account for purposes of evaluation of bids.

Article 17: Bid bond

17.1 In application of article 13 of the General Regulations, the bidder shall furnish a bid bond of the amount specified in the Special Regulations and which bid bond shall be a full part of his bid.

17.2 The bid bond must conform to the model presented in the Tender File; other models may be authorised subject to the prior approval of the Contracting Authority. The bid bond will remain valid for thirty (30) days beyond the original date set for the validity of bids or any other validity time-limit requested by the Contracting Authority and accepted by the bidder, in accordance with the provisions of article 16 and 30 of the General Regulations.

17.3 Any bid without an acceptable bid bond shall be rejected by the Tender Committee as not in conformity. The bid bond of associated enterprises must be established in the name of the group subjecting the bid and mention each member of the associated grouping.

17.4 The bid bonds of bidders who are not retained shall be returned within fifteen (15) days after publication of the award result.

17.5 The bid bond of the successful bidder shall be released as soon as the latter would have signed the contract and furnished the required final bond.

17.6 The bid bond may be seized:

- (a) if the bidder withdraws his bid during the period of validity;
- (b) if the retained bidder:

- i) fails in his obligation to register the contract in application of article 38 of the General Regulations;
- ii) Fails in his obligation to furnish the required final bond in application of article 38 of the General Regulations;
- iii) Refuses to receive notification of the Administrative Order to commence execution.

Article 18: Varying proposals of bidders

18.1 Where the works can be executed within variable deadlines, the Special Regulations shall specify these deadlines and shall indicate the method retained for the evaluation of the completion deadline proposed by the bidder within the specified deadlines. Bids that propose deadlines beyond those specified shall be considered as not being in conformity.

18.2 Except in the case mentioned in article 18(3) below, bidders wishing to offer technical variants must first assess the basic solution of the Contracting Authority as described in the Tender File and furnish in addition all the information which the Contracting Authority needs for a complete evaluation of the proposed variant, including the plans, calculations, technical specifications, sub-details of prices and proposed construction methods and all other useful information. If necessary, the Contracting Authority will examine only the technical variants of the bidder whose bid is in compliance with the basic solution has been evaluated as the lowest bid.

18.3 When according to the Special Regulations the bidders are authorised to directly submit the technical variants for certain parts of the works, these parts of the works must be described in the technical specifications. Such variants shall be evaluated on their own merit in accordance with the provisions of article 31(2) (g) of the General Regulations.

Article 19: Preparatory meeting to the establishment of bids

19.1 Except otherwise stipulated in the Special Regulations, a bidder may be invited to take part in a preparatory meeting which will hold at the date and place indicated in the Special Regulations.

19.2 The subject of the preparatory meeting shall be to furnish clarifications and answer any questions which may be raised at this stage.

19.3 As much as possible, the bidder is requested to submit any question in a way as to reach the Contracting Authority at least one week before the meeting. The Contracting Authority may not reply to questions received too late. In this case, the questions and answers shall be transmitted according to the methods set in article 19(4) below.

19.4 The minutes of the meeting, including the text of the questions asked and the replies given, including questions prepared after the meeting, shall be forwarded immediately to everyone who bought the Tender File. Any modification of documents of the Tender File listed in article 8 of the General Regulations which may prove to be necessary at the end of the preparatory meeting shall be done by the Contracting Authority by publishing an addendum in accordance with the provisions of article 10 of the General Regulations and not through the minutes of the preparatory meeting.

19.5 The fact that a bidder does not attend a preparatory meeting for the establishment of bids shall not be a reason for disqualification.

Article 20: Form and signature of bid

20.1 The bidder shall prepare an original of the constituent documents described in article 13 of the General Regulations in a volume clearly indicated "ORIGINAL". In addition, the bidder shall submit the number required in the General Regulations, bearing "COPY". In case of discrepancy, the original shall be considered as authentic.

20.2 The original and copies of the bid must be typed or written in indelible ink (photocopies shall be accepted in the case of copies) and shall be signed by the person(s) duly empowered to sign on behalf of the bidder, in accordance with article 6(1a) or 6(2c) of the General Regulations, as the case may be. All the pages of the bid containing alterations or changes must be initialled by the signatory (ies) of the bid.

20.3 The bid shall be bear no modification, suppression or alteration unless such corrections are initiated by the signatory (ies) of the bid. Any bid, the date, time and validity beyond the deadline for the submission of which is postmarked or telexed, shall be considered late and consequently rejected.

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Article 21: Modification, substitution and withdrawal of bids

21.1 The bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the bid in separate envelopes, the envelopes of each by marking on their envelopes, "THE BID", and "THE BID IS THE FORM MODEL BID, OR THE BID IS PREPARED IN ANOTHER FORM WHICH IS IDENTIFIED AS THE BID MODEL BID IN THE BID DOCUMENT AND HAS THE SAME IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AS THE BID OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS. The substitution of the corresponding replacement bid must be done in:

21.2 The external and internal envelopes:

a) Should be addressed to the Contracting Authority at the address indicated in the Special Regulations;

b) should bear the name and identification number of the project as indicated in the Special Regulations and bear the inscription "TO BE OPENED ONLY DURING THE BID-OPENING SESSION" as specified in the Special Regulations.

21.3 The internal envelopes should equally carry the name and address of the bidder in a way as to enable the Contracting Authority return the sealed bid if it is late in accordance with article 23 and 24 of the General Regulations.

21.4 If the external envelope is not sealed and marked as indicated in paragraphs 21(1) and 21(2) above, the Contracting Authority shall not be responsible if the bid is misplaced or opened prematurely.

Article 22: Date and time-limit for submission of bids

22.1 The bids must be received by the Contracting Authority at the address specified in article 21(2) of the Special Regulations not later than the date and time stated in the Special Regulations.

22.2 The Contracting Authority may, at his discretion, postpone the deadline set for the submission of the bids by publishing an addendum in accordance with the provisions of article 10 of the General Regulations. In this case, all the rights and obligations of the Contracting Authority and bidders previously governed by the initial date will henceforth be governed by the new date.

Article 23: Late bids

Any bid, received by the Contracting Authority beyond the deadline for the submission of bids in accordance with article 22 of the General Regulations shall be declared late and consequently rejected.

Article 24: Modification, substitution and withdrawal of bids

24.1 A bidder may modify or withdraw his bid after submitting it, on condition that the written notification of the modification or withdrawal is received by the Contracting Authority typed, by telex, or by the time-limit prescribed for the submission of the bid. The notification must be signed by the bidder or his representative in application of article 20(2) of the General Regulations. The modification or the corresponding replacement bid must be attached to the written notification. As the case may be, the envelopes must bear the inscription "WITHDRAWAL", and "REPLACEMENT BID" or "MODIFICATION".

24.2 Notification of modification, replacement or withdrawal of the bid by the bidder should be prepared, sealed, marked and forwarded in accordance with the provisions of article 21 of the General Regulations. Withdrawal may equally be notified by telex but should in this case be confirmed by a duly signed written notification whose date, post mark being authentic, shall not be posterior to the time-limit set for the submission of bids.

24.3 In application of article 24(1), bids being requested to be withdrawn by bidders shall be returned to them unopened.

24.4 No bid may be withdrawn during the interval between the submission of bids and the expiry of the validity of bids specified by the model tender. The withdrawal of a bid by a bidder during this interval may lead to the confiscation of the bid bond in accordance with the provisions of article 17(6) of the General Regulations.

E. Opening of envelopes and evaluation of bids

Article 25: Opening of envelopes and petitions

25.1 The competent Tenders Board shall open the envelopes in single phase and in the presence of the representatives of bidders who wish to attend at the date, time and address specified in the Special Regulations. Representatives of bidders shall sign a register attesting to their presence.

25.2 Firstly, envelopes marked "withdrawal" shall be opened and the contents announced to the hearing of everyone, while the envelope containing the corresponding bid shall be returned to the bidder unopened. Withdrawal shall be

allowed only if the corresponding notification contains a valid empowerment of the signatory to request this withdrawal and if this notification is read to the hearing of everyone. Then the envelopes marked "Replacement bid" are opened and announced to the hearing of everyone and the new corresponding bid substituted for the preceding one which will be sent to the bidder concerned unopened. The replacement of the bid shall only be allowed if the corresponding notification contains a valid empowerment of the signatory requesting the replacement and read to the hearing of everyone. Lastly, the envelopes marked "modification" shall be opened and their contents read to the hearing of everyone with the corresponding bid. The modification of the bid shall only be allowed if the corresponding notification contains a valid empowerment of the signatory requesting the modification and read to the hearing of everyone. Only bids which were opened and announced to the hearing of everyone during the opening of bids shall then be evaluated.

25.3 All envelopes shall be opened successively and the name of the bidder announced aloud as well as the possible modification mentioned, the price offered, including any rebates [*in case of opening of financial bids*] and any variant, where necessary, the existence of a guarantee of the bid if it is required and any other details which the Contracting Authority deems useful to be mentioned. Only rebates and variants of bids announced to the hearing of everyone during the opening of bids shall be submitted for evaluation.

25.4 Bids (and modifications received in accordance with the provisions of article 24 of the General Regulations) which were not opened and read to the hearing of everyone during the bid-opening session for whatever reason, shall not be submitted for evaluation.

25.5 Bid-opening minutes are recorded on the spot mentioning the admissibility of bids, their administrative regularity, prices, rebates and time-limits as well as the composition of the Evaluation sub-committee. A copy of the said minutes to which is attached the attendance sheet is handed over to all the participants at the end of the session.

25.6 At the end of each bid-opening session, the chairperson of the Tenders Board immediately hands over to the focal point designated by the body in charge of regulation of public contract an initialled copy of the bids presented by bidders.

25.7 In case of petition as provided for by the Public Contracts Code, it should be addressed to the Minister Delegate in charge of Public Contracts with copies to the body in charge of the regulation of public contracts, the head of structure to which is attached the Tenders Board concerned.

It must reach within a maximum deadline of three (3) working days after the opening of bids in the form of a letter to which is obligatorily attached a sheet of the petition form duly signed by the petitioner and possibly by the chairperson of the Tenders Board.

The Independent Observer attaches to his report the sheet that was handed to him, including any related commentaries or observations.

Article 26: Confidential nature of the procedure

26.1 No information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bids and verification of the qualification of the bidders and the recommendation for the award shall be given to bidders or to any person not concerned with the said procedure as long as the preferred bidder has not been made public, subject to the disqualification of the bid of the bidder and suspension of the authors from all activities in the domain of public contracts.

26.2 Any attempt by a bidder to influence the Tenders Board or the Evaluation sub-committee of bids or the Contracting Authority in its award decision may lead to the rejection of his bid.

26.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 26.2 above, between the opening of bids and the award of the contract, if a bidder wishes to enter into contact with the Contracting Authority for reasons having to do with his bid may do so in writing.

Article 27: Clarifications on the bids and contact with the Contracting Authority

27.1 To ease the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, the Tenders Board may, if it so desires, request any bidder to give clarifications on his bid. This request for clarification and the response thereto are formulated in writing but no change on the amount or content of the bid is sought, offered or authorised, except it is necessary to confirm the correction of calculation errors discovered by the Evaluation Sub-committee during the evaluation in accordance with the provisions of article 30 of the General Regulations.

27.2 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 above, bidders shall not contact members of the Tenders Board and the Evaluation Sub-committee for questions related to their bids, between the opening of envelopes and the award of the contract.

Article 28: Determination of compliance of bids

28.1 The Evaluation sub-committee shall carry out a detailed examination of bids to determine if they are complete, if the required guarantees are furnished, if the documents were correctly signed and if generally the bids are in proper order.

28.2 The Evaluation sub-committee shall determine if the bid is essentially in compliance with the conditions fixed in the Tender File based on the content without recourse to external elements of proof.

28.3 A bid that complies with the Tender File shall essentially be a bid that respects all the terms, conditions and specifications of the Tender File, without substantial divergence or reservation. A substantial divergence or reservation is that:

- i) which substantially limits the scope, quality or realisation of the works;
- ii) which substantially limits, contrary to the Tender File, the rights of the Contracting Authority or his obligations in relation to the contract;
- iii) Whose correction would unjustly affect the competitiveness of the other bidders who presented bids that essentially complied with the Tender File?

28.4 If a bid is essentially not in compliance, it shall be rejected by the competent Tenders Board and shall not subsequently be rendered in compliance.

28.5 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any modification, divergence or reservation. Modifications, divergences, variants and other factors which are beyond the requirements of the Tender File shall not be considered during the evaluation of bids.

Article 29: Qualification of the bidder

The Evaluation sub-committee shall ensure that the successful bidder retained for having submitted a bid substantially in compliance with the provisions of the Tender File, fulfills the qualification criteria stipulated in article 6 of the Special Regulations. It is essential to avoid any arbitrariness in determining qualification.

Article 30: Correction of errors

30.1 The Evaluation sub-committee shall verify bids considered essentially in compliance with the Tender File to correct the possible calculation errors. The Evaluation sub-committee shall correct the errors in the following manner:

- (a) where there is an incoherence between the unit price and the total obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price being authentic, the total price shall be corrected, unless the Evaluation sub-committee judges that it is a gross error of decimal point in the unit price in which case the total price as presented shall be authentic and the unit price corrected.
- (b) if the total obtained by addition or subtraction of the totals is not exact, the sub totals shall be considered authentic and the total corrected.
- (c) where there is a difference between the price indicated in letters and in figures, the amount in letters shall be considered authentic, unless the amount is linked to an arithmetical error confirmed by the sub-detail of the said price, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

30.2 The amount featuring in the bid shall be corrected by the Evaluation sub-committee, in accordance with the error correction procedure above and with confirmation by the bidder, the said amount shall be deemed to commit him.

30.3 If the bidder who presented the bid evaluated as the lowest refuses the correction thus carried out, his bid shall be rejected and the bid bond may be seized.

Article 31: Conversion into a single currency

31.1 To facilitate the evaluation and comparison of bids, the Evaluation sub-committee shall convert the prices of bids expressed in various currencies into those in which the bid is payable in CFA francs.

31.2 The conversion shall be done using the selling rate fixed by the Bank of Central African States (BEAC) under the conditions defined by the Special Regulations.

Article 32: Evaluation and comparison of financial bids

32.1 Only bids considered as being in compliance, as per the provisions of article 28 of the General Regulations, shall be evaluated and compared by the Evaluation sub-committee.

32.2 By evaluating the bids, the Evaluation Sub-committee shall determine for each bid the evaluated amount of the bid by rectifying the amount as follows:

- By correcting any possible error in accordance with the provisions of article 30.2 of the General Regulations;
- By excluding projected sums and where necessary provisions for unforeseen occurrences featuring in the bill of quantities and estimates but by adding the amount of works done under State supervision where they are costed in a competitive manner as specified in the Special Regulations.
- By converting into a single currency the amount resulting from the rectifications (a) and (b) above, in accordance with the provisions of article 31(2) of the General Regulations;
- By appropriately adjusting any other modification, divergence or quantifiable reservation on technical or financial basis.
- By taking into consideration the various execution time-limits proposed by the bidders, if they are authorised by the Special Regulations;
- If need be, in accordance with the provisions of article 13(2) of the General Regulations and the Special Regulations by applying the rebates offered by the bidder for the award of more than one lot, if this invitation to tender is launched simultaneously for several lots.
- If need be, in accordance with the provisions of article 18(3) of the Special Regulations and the Technical Specifications, the proposed technical variants, if they are permitted, shall be evaluated on their own merit and independently of the fact that the bidder offered or not a price for the technical solution specified by the Contracting Authority in the Special Regulations.

32.3 The estimated effect of price revision formulae featuring in the GAC and SAC applied during the period of execution of the contract shall not be considered during the evaluation of bids.

32.4 If the bid judged the lowest bid is considered abnormally low or strongly unbalanced in relation to the estimates of the Project Owner for the works to be executed in this contract, the Tenders Board may, from the sub-details of prices furnished by the bidder for any element or all the elements of the bill of quantities and estimates, verify if these prices are compatible with the construction methods and proposed calendar. In the case where the justifications presented by the bidder are not satisfactory, the Contracting Authority may reject the bid after the technical opinion of the Public Contracts Regulatory Agency.

Article 33: Preference granted national bidders

National contractors shall benefit from a margin of national preference during the evaluation of bids as provided for in the Public Contracts Code.

Article 34: Award

34.1 The Contracting Authority shall award the contract to the bidder whose bid was judged essentially in compliance with the Tender File and who has the required technical and financial capacities to execute the contract satisfactorily and whose bid was evaluated as the lowest by including, where necessary, proposed rebates

34.2 If, according to article 13(2) of the General Regulations, the invitation to tender comprises several lots, the lowest bid shall be determined by evaluating this contract with other lots to be awarded concurrently, by taking into account the rebates offered by the bidders in the case of more than one lot.

34.3 Any award of contract shall be made to the bidder fulfilling the technical and financial capacities required resulting from the evaluation criteria and presenting the bid evaluated as the lowest.

Article 35: The right by the Contracting Authority to declare an invitation to tender unsuccessful or cancel a procedure
 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to cancel a procedure of invitation to tender after the authorisation of the Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Public Contracts where the bids have been opened or to declare an invitation to tender unsuccessful after the advice of the competent Tenders Board, without any claims being entertained.

Article 36: Notification of award of the contract

Before the expiry of the delivery period agreed in the Special Regulations, the Contracting Authority shall notify the preferred bidder by telex, by teletype, by registered mail or by any other method in which his bid was retained. This letter will indicate the amount the bidder will pay the contractor to execute the works and the execution time-limit.

Article 37: Publication of results of tenders and petitions

37.1 The Contracting Authority shall communicate to any bidder or administration concerned, upon request addressed to it within a maximum deadline of five (5) days after publication of the award results, the Independent Observer's report as well as the minutes of the award session of the related contract to which shall be attached the evaluation report of the bids.

37.2 The Contracting Authority is bound to communicate the reasons for the rejection of bids of the bidders concerned who so request.

37.3 After publication of the award results, bids that are not withdrawn within fifteen (15) days shall be destroyed, without any claims for compensation being entertained. Only the copy destined for the body in charge of regulation shall be kept.

37.4 In case of petition, it should be addressed to the Public Contracts Authority, with copies to the body in charge of the regulation of public contracts, the Contracting Authority and the chairperson of the Tenders Board concerned. It must take place within a maximum deadline of five (5) working days after the publication of the results.

Article 38: Signing of the contract

38.1 After publication of the results, the draft contract subscribed by the successful bidder is submitted to the Tenders Board for examination and where applicable, to the Minister in charge of Public Contracts for prior endorsement.

38.2 The Contracting Authority has a deadline of seven (7) days to sign the contract from the date of reception of the draft contract examined by the competent Tenders Board and subscribed by the successful bidder and where applicable, the endorsement of the Minister in charge of Public Contracts.

38.3 The contract must be notified to the successful bidder within five (5) days of its date of signature.

Article 39: Final Bond

39.1 Within twenty (20) days of the notification by the Contracting Authority, the contractor shall furnish the Project Owner with a final bond, to guarantee the complete execution of the works.

39.2 The bond whose rate varies between 2 and 5 percent of the amount of the contract inclusive of all taxes, may be replaced by a guarantee from a banking establishment approved according to the instruments in force with the Project Owner as beneficiary or by a joint or several guarantee.

39.3 Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) constituted of national capital and managed by nationals may, in lieu of the guarantee, provide a statutory lien or a bond issued by a banking establishment or first rate financial institution approved in accordance with the instruments in force.

39.4 Failure to produce the final bond within the prescribed time limit shall likely cause the termination of the contract under the terms laid down in the General Administrative Conditions.

DOCUMENT No. 3: SPECIAL REGULATIONS OF THE TENDER

Special regulations of the invitation to tender

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References of the General regulations	General
1.1	Definition of works: GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE GULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION . (MINHDU DECENTRALISED CREDITS –2026 PROGRAM). Reference of Invitation to tender: N° 05/ONIT/MINDEVEL/NWR/NGOK./BC/BCTTB/PIB/2026 OF 10/01/2026
1.2	Execution deadline: four (04) calendar months
2.1	Source of financing Works which form the subject of this invitation to tender shall be financed by the 2026 Public Investment Budget of Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.
4.1	List of pre-qualified candidates, not applicable
5.1	Origin of building materials, equipment, materials, supplies and equipment: The materials will generally be from natural sources in Cameroon.

6.1 Evaluation criteria

The bids shall be evaluated according to the main criteria as follows:

Eliminatory criteria

- **Outright elimination during the opening session of the bids**
- 1. Absence of the bid bond
- **Elimination during the evaluation of bids by the Adhoc committee**
- 2. Absence or non-conformity of an element in the administrative file;
- 3. Deadline for delivery higher than prescribed;
- 4. False declaration or falsified documents;
- 5. A bid with the external envelope carrying a sign or mark leading to the identification of the bidder;
- 6. Incomplete financial file;
- 7. Change of quantity or unit of the Tender file in the financial bid;
- 8. Non respect of 75% (15/20) of essential criteria;

During the opening session of the bids if a document of the administrative bid is absent or non-compliant, the bidder will be given forty eight (48) hours to correct for the said document else will be eliminated. The such document will be accepted if the bidder certifies that the document is correct and that the bidder has the right to be awarded the contract.

Essential criteria

1. General presentation of the tender files;
2. Financial capacity;
3. References of the company in similar achievements;
4. Quality of the personnel;
5. Technical organization of the works;
6. Safety measures on the site;
7. Logistics;
8. Attestation and report of site visit;
9. Special Technical Clauses initialed in all the pages;
10. Special Administrative Clauses completed and initialed in all the pages.

This evaluation will be done in a purely a purely binary method with a positive (Yes) or negative (No) with an acceptable minimum of 75% (15/20) of the essential criteria taken into account.

The contract will be awarded to the bidder who would have proposed the offer with the lowest reasonable amount, in conformity with the regulations of the Tender Documents and having satisfied to 100% of the eliminatory criteria and at least 75% (15/20) of the essential criteria.

ARTICLE 6 : Language of the bids:

The offer like any correspondence and all documents concerning the tender, exchanged between the renderer and the Project Owner will be written in French or English. The complementary documents and the printed papers form provided by the Bidder can be written in another language in condition of being accompanied by a precise translation in French or English; in which case and for purposes of interpretation of the offer, the translation will be taken.

PRESENTATION OF THE TENDER.

The bids prepared in English or French and in six (06) copies with one (01) original and five (05) copies marked thus, shall be presented in three (03) volumes as follows:

- A) **Administrative Documents**
- B) **Technical Documents**
- C) **Financial Documents**

5.1 External envelope.

Each bidder shall seal these three (03) envelopes (A, B and C) in one common envelope on which shall be written.

TO THE PROJECT OWNER

**“ OPEN NATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER OPEN NATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER
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**FOR THE GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU
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“To be opened only during the bid-opening session”

N.B: The external envelope should not carry any mark or sign that can lead to the identification of the bidder.

8.2 Internal envelopes

Three (03) internal envelopes must be sealed in an external envelope.

The first internal envelope shall be labeled;

<<ENVELOPE A: ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS>> and shall contain the administrative documents of the enterprise. These documents shall be original or copies certified by competent authorities not more than three months.

ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS.

DOCUMENT N°	DESCRIPTION	YES	NO
A.1	Declaration of intention to tender stamped with the tariff in force		
A.2	Certified Copy of the Business Registration, not more than three months old:		
A.3	Certificate of non-bankruptcy established by the Court of 1st instance or the Chamber Commerce, Industry and Trade of the place of residence of the bidder, not more than three (03) months.		
A.4	Attestation of bank account of the bidder, issued by a first rate-bank or an insurance company approved by the Ministry in charge of Finance or by a foreign bank the first order not more than three months.		
A.5	Purchase receipt of tender file issued by BALIKUMBAT municipal treasury		
A.6	A bid bond of one million (1.000,000) FCFA issued in line with the prescriptions of the “Caisse des Depots Et Consignations-CDEC” by a first rate-bank or an insurance company approved by the Ministry in charge of Finance in conformity with COBAC conditions.		
A.7	An attestation of non-exclusion from Public Contracts issued by the Public contract Regulatory Board (ARMP)		
A.8	An Attestation of the National Social Insurance Fund stating that the bidder has met all his obligations vis a vis the Fund; the attestation should be less than three months old.		

A.9	Certified Copy of a valid taxpayers card, delivered by the chief of center of Taxes.		
A.10	A Certificate of tax compliance attesting that the bidder has met all the statutory declarations in issues of taxes in the current financial year; this certificate should be less than three months old.		
A.11	Certified copy of certificate of categorization in the Road Sub-Sector (Category D enterprises only as per Circular Letter No 000005/LC/MINMAP/CAB OF 26 Dec 2023 on the implementation of the categorisation of Building and Public Works sector Enterprises within the framework of contracting public contracts)		
A.12	Plan of localization		

During the opening session of the bids if a document of the administrative bid is absent or noncompliant, the bidder will be given forty-eight (48) hours after the bid opening to produce or replace the said document else it will be eliminated. No such document will be accepted after this deadline.

The second Internal Envelope shall be labeled <<ENVELOPE B: TECHNICAL DOCUMENT>> and shall contain the following:

B.1	General presentation of the tender files		
-Document slotted or spirally bound -Table of content page -Colour sheets separation - Presentation of documents in the order given in this tender			
B.2	LIST OF REFERENCES OF THE ENTERPRISE IN SIMILAR JOBS		
B.2.1	List of references of the enterprise in similar jobs justified by signed contracts (first and last pages) and minutes of reception or attestation of clearances of works executed.		
	1 st Reference		
B.3	QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF SUPERVISORY STAFF		
B.3.1	01 works supervisor (at least HND or equivalent certificate)		
	Qualification of the works supervisor: (Senior Technician certificate in Civil or Rural Engineering (BAC +2)		
	Professional experience of the project engineer ≥ 03 years (signed CV)		
	➤ CV signed by the candidate, ➤ A certified copy of the technical diploma ➤ An attestation of availability signed by the candidate		
B.3.2	01 Site foreman(Civil Engineering BAC)		
	Qualification of the Site foreman: (Technical certificate in Building (BAC F4 or equivalent certificate)		
	Professional experience of the Site foreman ≥ 03 years (signed CV)		
	A certified copy of: ➤ CV signed by the candidate, ➤ A certified copy of the technical diploma ➤ An attestation of availability signed by the candidate		
B.4	TECHNICAL PROPOSALS		
B.4.2	Organigram of the project		
B.4.3	Logical sequence for the execution of the task		
B.4.5	Quality control method		
B.4.7	Environmental protection measures		
B.4.8	Security and safety at the site		
B.4.9	Duration of execution in respect with the Tender file		
B.5	LOGISTICS (Equipment put aside for this project)		
B.5.1	Proof of ownership or rental of a pick-up or other vans		
B.5.2	Proof of ownership or rental of a dump truck		
B.5.3	Proof of ownership or rental of a grader		
B.5.4	Proof of ownership or rental of a bulldozer		

B.5.5	Proof of ownership or rental of a compactor		
B.6	FINANCIAL CAPACITY		
B.6.1	An attestation of financial capacity (solvency) of the enterprise issued by a 1st class bank located in any area in Cameroon and approved by the Ministry of Finance and respect COBAC conditions. = 27,000,000		
B.7	Attestation of site visit signed by the bidder		
B.8	Comprehensive report of site visit signed by the company administrator		
B.9	Special Technical Clauses initialed in all the pages		
B.10	Special Administrative Clauses completed and initialed in all the pages and last page signed		

CATEGORISED ENTERPRISES WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON METHODOLOGY.

ENVELOPE C- FINANCIAL FILE

No.	DESIGNATION.
C1	A submission letter, signed, dated and stamped.(see ANNEX 3)
C2	Completed and signed frame work of unit prices.
C3	Signed Bills of quantities and cost estimates indicating the total amount without taxes (HT) and with taxes (TTC) .
C4	Sub details of unit prices

- The bidders will use for this purpose the documents and models envisaged in the Tender Documents, subject to the provisions of Article 19.2 of the RGAO concerning the other possible forms of bid bond.
- The various parts of the same file must be separated with colour guides from as well in the original as in the copies, so as to facilitate its examination

Supply price

ARTICLE 8: Currency of payment

This National invitation to tender is conducted on total and contractual price, inclusive of all taxes, firm and non-reversible for the whole of the works and the equipment defined in the present invitation to tender.

The corresponding amount will be calculated inclusive of all taxes and the prices will be obligatorily expressed in francs CFA.

The unit Schedule price expressed out in figures and letters and in six (07) copies will be joined to the offer. In the event of error between the prices in figures and letters, the latter will precede and be used as a basis of calculation of the amount of the offer.

The establishment of the prices will be done on the basis of economic condition into force in Republic of Cameroon at the handover date of the offers.

ARTICLE 9: Transport and delivery

The materials for work must be protected during transportation through packaging whether by air, railway or road according as the case may be. The conditions of storage must be of tropical type.

ARTICLE 10: Guarantee and retention guarantee

10.1 Provisional guarantee

The amount of the provisional guarantee or guarantee of tender is fixed at **1,000,000 FCFA**. As per article 90 (9) of the Public contract Code (Decree No. 2018/366 OF 20 June 2018), certified cheques or bank cheques are acceptable in the place of bid bond.

The time of validity of this guarantee is sixty (60) days as from the date of depositing of the offers.

10.2 Final Bond

The final Bond is fixed at Two percent (2%) of the initial amount of the services envisaged in the country.

It could be replaced by a guarantee personal and interdependent of a banking house approved by the Ministry of Finances following COBAC conditions.

It will have to be made up in the twenty (20) days following the notification of the signature of the contract in a bank approved by the Minister in charge of Finances.

10.3 Guarantee Retention

Guarantees Retention amount (10%) will be operated on amount including all taxes of the contract. The corresponding sum will be released in three (3) instalments, one year after provision of reception of works.

ARTICLE 11: Payment schedule

The bidder will remain entitled to his offer for sixty (60) days as from the handover date of the offers.

If at the end of this period, the contract was not notified to him, the bidder will be able, either to cancel his offer, or to ask for a new negotiation of the unit prices.

ARTICLE 12: A number of copies of the offer which must be filed and sent

The tender, as all the parts accompanying it will have to be given in six (07) copies, including one (01) original and five (06) copies. The bidder will present his dossier inside a sealed outer jacket being marked:

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<<TO BE OPENED ONLY DURING THE OPENING SESSION>>

ARTICLE 13: Date and latest time of deposit of offers

The offers will have to arrive under closed fold and seal latest **06/02/ 2026** at 10:00AM, by mail registered with acknowledgement of delivery or by deposit against receipt to the following address:

BALIKUMBAT Council, beyond this time no offer will be received nor accepted.

ARTICLE 14: Opening of the tenders

The opening of the folds will be carried out in the conference room of the BALIKUMBAT Council on 06/02/2026 as from 11:00AM, by the BALIKUMBAT Council Tenders Board sitting in the presence of the duly elected bidders or their representatives and having a good knowledge of the file.

AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

ARTICLE 15: Award of the contract

The Tenders Board will propose to the Contracting Authority to award the contract to the bidder who will have presented the offer with the lowest offer, essentially conforming to the regulations the Tender File, having satisfied to **100% of all the eliminatory criteria and at least 75% (15/20) of the essential criteria** taken into account.

The decision carrying attribution of the contract will be published by way of press release or any other means of publication of use in the Administration.

If the contract passed on the basis of technical alternative suggested by the bidder, the contracting authority reserves the right to introduce all the provisions there allowing him to guarantee itself against the real overrun costs of the alternative compared to his estimate of origin. In the absence of these last precise details, any additional charge due to an alternative will be inadmissible.

To this end, it is specified that a bidder cannot claim to be compensated, if his offer is not accepted.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to take action on an Invitation to tender, if it did not obtain a proposal which appears acceptable to him.

Pursuant to justification by bidder, bids with unconvincing abnormally low costing will be rejected by the Project Owner as proposed by the Tenders Board.

Prior to this reject, the bidder must have been requested to produce written justification(s) and that these justifications have been appreciated to be unconvincing.

These justifications will concern amongst others

- The production of detailed pricing, its content and the coherency between the unit price, its mode of realisation and its timing.
- The purchase prices of materials
- The cost of exploitation of equipment.
- The wages of technicians and labourers
- comparative advantages or favourable exceptional conditions that the bidder has for the realisation of the works
- measures relative to the condition of works

In the case where these justification(s) is or are not convincing, the Project Owner decides but before the reject, he can only decide when the Public Contracts Reguiatory Agency(ARMP) must have examined

the unconvincing justification(s) and given his opinion in seven (07) working days from the date of receipt of these justifications from the project. (*The Tenders Board requests for justifications, bidder replies by writing, board examines and if not convincing, proposes reject to contracting Authority who decides after consulting ARMP*)

ARTICLE 16: COMMENCEMENT OF WORK:

Before the commencement of work the contractor must be installed on the site by the following:

- ❖ The Authorizing officer or his representative(president)
- ❖ Control Engineer.....(Secretary)
- ❖ The Divisional Delegate of MINMAP or his representative.....(member)
- ❖ The Divisional Delegate of MINEPAT or his representative(member)
- ❖ The Project Manager.....(member)
- ❖ The Representative of the beneficiary population.....(observer)
- ❖ The Contractor or his representative.....(member)

THE TENDER BOARD
RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONTRACTOR
SHOULD NOT COMMENCE WORK UNTIL THE
TENDER BOARD HAS APPROVED THE JUSTIFICATION
FOR THE PROJECT. THE CONTRACTOR IS
NOTIFIED THAT THE TENDER BOARD WILL
NOT APPROVE THE JUSTIFICATION IF THE
PROJECT IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE
CONVINCING.

DOCUMENT No. 4: SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS (SAC)

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Chapter I: General

Article 1: Subject of contract

The subject of this contract shall be THE GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION. (MINHDU DECENTRALISED CREDITS –2026 PROGRAM)"

Article 2: Contract award procedure

This contract shall be awarded by Open National Invitation To Tender N°
05/ONIT/MINDEVEL/NWR/NGOK/BC/BCITB/PIB/2026 OF 10/01/2026

Article 3: Definitions and duties (article 2 of GAC supplemented)

3.1 General definitions (cf. Code)

- The Contracting Authority shall be the *Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council*. He awards the contract, ensures the preservation of originals of said contract documents and the transmission of copies to Ministry in charge of Public Contracts and to the body in charge of Public Contracts regulation.
- The Contract Engineer shall be the *Divisional Delegate of Housing and Urban Development for NGOKETUNJIA* hereinafter referred to as the *Engineer*.
- The Project Owner is the *Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council*. He represents the beneficiary administration of the works.
- The Project Manager shall be at the: **Chief of Technical Service and Regional Development Balikumbat COUNCIL**. He ensures respect of the administrative, technical and financial conditions and contractual deadlines. He ensures the interest of the project owner at the definition, preparation, execution and acceptance stages
- The Service in charge of ensuring the effectiveness of the execution of works shall be the **Divisional Delegate of Public Contracts for NGOKETUNJIA**.
- The contractor shall be [to be specified].

3.2 Security

This contract may be used security subject to any form of transfer of the debt.

In this case:

- The authority in charge of ordering payment shall be the *Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council*
- The authority in charge of the clearance of expenditures shall be *Controller of finance for Ngoketunja*.
- The body or official in charge of payment shall be the *Municipal Treasurer BALIKUMBAT Council*.
- The official competent to furnish information within the context of execution of this contract shall be the *Project Owner (Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council)*.

3.3 Duties of the Control Mission, Project Manager

3.3.1 Missions [to be completed, where need be]

3.3.2 Means put at the disposal of the Control Mission and the other stakeholders of the project:

- In accordance with the provisions of article 153 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Public contract Code (Decree No. 2018/366 of 20 June 2018), the Contract Manager, the Contract Engineer as well as the other persons in charge of the control and follow up of the project shall perceive indemnities as well as logistics support for the realisation of the project from that shall be fixed by a decision of the Project Owner or Project Manager.

Article 4: Language, applicable law and regulation

1.2 The language to be used shall be [English and/or French].

1.3 The contractor shall be bound to observe the law, regulations and ordinances in force in Cameroon both within his own organization and in the execution of the contract.

If the laws and regulations in force at the date of signature of this contract are amended after the signature of the contract, the possible direct resulting costs shall be taken into account without gain or loss for either party.

Article 5: Constituent documents of the contract (Article 4 of GAC)

The constituent contractual documents of this contract are in order of priority: (to be adapted to the nature of the works).

- 1) The tender or commitment letter;
- 2) The bidder's tender and its annexes in all provisions not contrary to the Special Administrative Conditions (GAC) and the Special Technical Conditions (STC) hereunder;
- 3) The Special Administrative Conditions (SAC);
- 4) The Special Technical Conditions (STC);
- 5) The particular elements necessary for the determination of the contract price, such as, in order of priority: the unit price schedule, the statement of all-in prices, detailed estimates, the breakdown of all-in prices and the sub-details of unit prices;
- 6) Plans, calculation notes, trial documents, geotechnical documents [insert and indicate, where need be, names and references].
- 7) The General Administrative Conditions applicable on public works contracts that went into effect by Order No. 033/CAB/PM of 13 February 2007;
- 8) The General Technical Condition(s) applicable on the services forming the subject of the contract [insert and indicate, where need be, names and references].

Article 6: General instruments in force

This contract shall be governed by the following general instruments [to be adapted according to the case]:

1. Framework Law No. 96/12 of 5 August 1996 on the management of the environment;
2. The Mining Code;
3. Instruments governing the various professional bodies;
4. Decree No. 2001/048 of 23 February 2001 relating to the setting up, organization and functioning of the Public Contracts Regulatory Agency
5. Decree No. 2003/651/PM of 16 April 2003 to lay down the procedure for implementing the tax and customs system applicable to public contracts;
6. Decree No. 2018/366 OF 20 June 2018, to institute the Public Contracts Code;
7. Decree No. 2012/074 of 8 March 2012 relating to the creation, organisation and functioning of Tenders Boards amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2013/271 of 5 August 2013;
8. Decree No. 2012/075 of 8 March 2012 to organise the Ministry in charge of Public Contracts;
9. Circular No. 001/CAB/PR of 19 June 2012 relating to the award and control of execution of Public Contracts;
10. Circular Letter No. 000005/LC/MINMAP/CAB of 29/12/2023 on the implementation of the categorisation of Building and Public Works sector Enterprises within the framework of contracting public contracts;
11. Letter No. 00908/MINHDU/DR of 1997 to publish guidelines for the consideration of environmental impact of road maintenance;
12. Circular Letter No. 0001879/L/MINFI of 31/12/2025 relating to the execution, Monitoring and control of execution of the budget of Regional and Local Authorities for the 2026 financial year.
13. Unified Technical Documents (DTU) for building works;
14. Applicable standards;
15. Other instruments specific to the domain concerned with the contract.

Article 7: Communication (Articles 6 and 10 supplemented)

- 1.1 All communications within the framework of this contract shall be written and notifications sent to the following address:
 - a) In the case where the contractor is the addressee: Sir/Madam.....

Beyond the time-limit of 15 days fixed in article 6(1) of the GAC to make his domicile known to the Project Owner and Contract Manager, correspondences shall be validly addressed to the [to the specified] council, chief town of the region in which the work was done;

b) In the case where the Project Owner is the addressee:

Sir/Madam _____ [to be specified] with a copy addressed to the Contracting Authority, Contract Manager, Contract Engineer, Project Manager and where need be, within the same deadline.

c) In the case where the Contracting Authority is:

Sir/Madam [to be specified] with a copy addressed within the same deadline to the Project Owner, Contract Manager, Contract Engineer and Project Manager, where applicable

1.2 The contractor shall address all written notifications or correspondences to the Project Manager with a copy to the Contract Manager.

Article 8: Administrative Orders (Article 8 of GAC)

The various Administrative Orders shall be established and notified as follows:

8.1 The Administrative Order to start execution of works shall be signed by the Contracting Authority and notified to the contractor by the Project Owner with a copy to the Contracting Authority, the Contract Manager, Contract Engineer, the Paying Body and the Project Manager, where applicable.

8.2 Upon proposal by the Project Owner, Administrative Orders with an incidence on the objective, the amount and execution deadline shall be signed by Contracting Authority and notified by the Project Owner to the Contractor with a copy to the Contracting Authority, the Contract Manager, the Contract Engineer, the Project Manager and the Paying Body. The signature of the Paying Body shall possibly be required before the signature of those that have signed on the amount.

8.3 Administrative Orders of a technical nature linked to the normal progress of the work and without financial incidence shall be signed directly by Contract Manager and notified to the contractor by the Contract Engineer or Project Manager (where applicable) with a copy to the Contracting Authority and Contract Manager.

8.4 Administrative Orders serving as warnings shall be signed by the Project Owner and notified to the contractor by the Contract Manager with a copy to the Contracting Authority, the Contract Engineer and Project Manager.

8.5 Administrative Orders for suspension or resumption of work as a result of the weather or any other case of force majeure shall be signed by the Contracting Authority and notified by his services to the contractor with a copy to the Project Owner, Contract Manager, Contract Engineer and Project Manager.

8.6 Administrative Orders prescribing works necessary to remedy disorders which could appear on structures during the guarantee period and not related to normal usage shall be signed by the Contract Manager upon the proposal of the Contract Engineer and notified to the contractor by the Contract Engineer.

8.7 The contractor has a time-limit of fifteen (15) days to issue reservations on any Administrative Order received. Having reservations shall not free the enterprise of executing the Administrative Orders received.

8.8 Concerning Administrative Order signed by the Contracting Authority and notified by the Project Owner, the notification must be done within a maximum of 30 days from the date of transmission by the Contracting Authority to the Project Manager. Beyond this deadline, the Contracting Authority shall establish the default of the Project Owner, if the latter fails to settle within 30 days the amount due in accordance with the said notification.

Article 9: Contracts with conditional phases (Article 9 of GAC)

9.1 [Specify if the contract has one or several phases]

At the end of a phase, the Project Owner shall carry out the acceptance of the works and issue an attestation of proper execution to the contractor. This attestation shall condition the start of the following conditional phase.

9.2 The time-limit granted for notification of the Administrative Order to start execution of a conditional phase shall be five (5) days.

Article 10: Contractor's equipment and personnel (Article 15 of GAC supplemented)

- 10.1 Any modification, even partial, made to the technical bid shall only occur after the written approval of the Contract Manager. In case of modification, the contractor shall have himself replaced by a member of staff of equal competence (qualifications and experiences).
- 10.2 In any case, the lists of supervisory staff to be used shall be subject to the approval of the Project Owner in the days following notification of the Administrative Order to start execution. The Project Manager has 5 (five) days to notify his opinion in writing with a copy sent to the Contract Manager. Beyond this time-limit, the staff list shall be considered as approved.
- 10.3 Any unilateral modification on the supervisory staff made in the technical bid prior to and during the works shall be a reason for termination of the contract as mentioned in article 45 below or the application of penalties [to be specified where need be].

Chapter II: Financial conditions

Article 11 Guarantees and bonds (Articles 29 and 41 of GAC)

11.1 Final bond

The final bond shall be set at 2 % of the amount of the contract, inclusive of all taxes.

It is constituted and transmitted to the Contract Manager within a maximum deadline of twenty (20) days of the notification of the contract.

The bond shall be returned or the guarantee released within one month following the date of provisional acceptance of the works, following a release issued by the Contracting Authority upon request by the contractor.

11.2 Performance bond

The retention fund shall be set at 10 % of the amount of the contract, inclusive of all taxes.

The return or release of the retention fund or security shall be done within one month after final acceptance by release issued by the Contracting Authority upon request by the contractor.

11.3 Guarantee of start-off advance

[Specify, if need be, the rates (20% maximum of the amount of the contract inclusive of all taxes guaranteed at 100%) and conditions for the return of the guarantee]

Article 12: Amount of the bonds (Articles 18 and 19 of GAC supplemented)

The amount of this contract shall be _____ (in figures) cfa (in letters) CFA and exclusive of All Taxes; that is: the amount of the bonds to be paid by the contractor to the Contract Manager for the execution of the works.

- Amount exclusive of the fees _____ CFA F
- Amount of VAT _____ CFA F
- Amount of TCF and _____ Chapter II: Financial conditions
- Net to be paid _____ CFA F

Article 13: Place and method of payment

The Project Owner shall release the sums due in the following manner:

a. For payments in CFA francs (amount in figures and letters exclusive of taxes) by credit to account No. _____ opened in the name of the contractor in a bank, the remuneration and cost price duly justified at the place of use;

b. For payments in foreign currencies (amount in figures and letters exclusive of taxes) by credit to account No. _____ opened in the name of the contractor in a bank, the remuneration and cost price duly justified at the place of use;

Article 16: Evaluation of works (article 23 of the GAC)

This contract is at **unit price, off-in price or unit and off-in price**.

Article 17: Evaluation of supplies (article 24 of the GAC supplemented)

15.2 Price updating modalities (not applicable)

Article 15: Price revision formulae (article 21 of GAC) (not applicable)

Article 16: Price updating formulae (article 21 of the GAC) (not applicable)

Article 17: Works under State supervision (Article 22 of GAC supplemented)

17.1 The percentage of works under State supervision shall be **[must not exceed 2 %]** of the amount of the contract and its additional clauses, where applicable.

17.2 In the case where the contractor were invited to execute works under State supervision, the submitted and duly justified expenditures shall be reimbursed to him under the following conditions:

- The quantities considered shall be the hours used or the quantities of building materials and materials used that was the subject of joint job cost sheets;
- The remunerations and salaries effectively paid to local labour shall be increased by forty percent (40 %) to take account of social benefits;
- The hours put in by the heavy equipment shall be counted at the rate featuring in the sub-detail of prices;
- Building materials and materials shall be reimbursed at cost of the duly justified at the place of use, marked up by ten percent for loss, stocking and handling;
- The amount for services thus calculated, including the hours put in by heavy equipment shall be marked up by 25 % to take into account the overheads, profits and the contractor's unfortuness.

Article 18: Payment of supplies (article 25 of the GAC supplemented)

19.1 [indicate, where applicable, the modalities for payment of supplies].

19.2 No security shall be requested for payments on account on supplies.

Article 20: Advances (article 28 of the GAC)

20.1 The Contracting Authority may grant a start-off advance equal to 20 % of the amount of the contract.

20.2 This advance whose value cannot exceed twenty (20) percent of the initial amount inclusive of all taxes shall be guaranteed at one hundred (100) percent by a banking establishment governed by Cameroon law or a first-rate financial institution in accordance with the instruments in force and reimbursed by deduction of the payments on accounts to be paid to the contractor during the execution of the contract according to the modalities laid down in the Special Administrative Conditions.

20.3 The total amount of the advance must be reimbursed not later than when the value in basic price of the works reaches eighty (80) percent of the amount of the contract.

20.4 As the reimbursement advances, the Project Owner shall issue the release of the corresponding part of the guarantee upon the express request by the contractor.

20.5 The possibility of granting start-off advance or advance for supplies must be expressly stipulated in the Tender File.

Article 21: Payment for works (articles 26, 27 and 30 of the GAC supplemented)

21.1 Establishment of works executed

Before the 30th of each month, the contractor and the Engineer shall jointly establish a job cost sheet which summarises and fixes the quantities executed and established for each item on the schedule during the month and capable of giving entitlement to payment. This sheet shall be based on the certification of the various tasks jointly established by the contractor and the Project Manager in accordance with the Public Contracts Code.

21.2 Monthly detailed account (not to exceed 6 months from the start of the contract)

Every month or during a periodic balance established by contractor and representative of the project owner, the contractor shall hand over to the Contract Engineer two draft provisional monthly detailed accounts in seven copies (one detailed account exclusive of VAT and the other inclusive of taxes), according to the agreed model and establishing the total amount of the sum that he may claim as a result of the execution of the contract since the start of the contract.

Only the detailed account exclusive of VAT shall be paid to the contractor. The detailed account of the amount of the taxes shall be the subject of an entry into the budgets of the Ministry in charge of Finance

Only the amount exclusive of VAT shall be paid to the contractor as follows:

- [100-2.2% and/or (100-5.5 %)] paid directly into the account of the contractor;
- 2.2 % or 5.5% paid to the public treasury as AIR due by the contractor.

The Project Manager has a time-limit of seven (7) days to forward to the Contract Manager the detailed accounts he has approved.

The Contract Engineer has a maximum time-limit of twenty-one (21) days to forward the detailed accounts he approved such that they are in his possession not later than the twelfth of the month.

The Contract Manager has a deadline of fourteen (14) days maximum to sign the detailed accounts.

Payments shall be done by the Municipal Treasurer BALIKUMBAT Council within a maximum deadline of _____ calendar days from the date of submission of the approved detailed accounts.

21.3 Detailed account of start-off account (if applicable).

Article 22: Settlement of the quantities executed during the period of the credit period of the initial contract. Possible and/or early entitlement to payment. This sheet shall be based on the certification of the various tasks jointly established by the contractor and the Project Manager in accordance with the Public Contracts Code.

1. Monthly start-off account

Article 23: Penalties (Article 21 of the GAC supplemented)

A. Penalties for delay

23.1 The amount set for penalties for delays shall be set as follows:

- a) One two thousandth (1/2000th) of the initial contract amount all taxes inclusive per calendar day of delay from the first to the 30th day beyond the contractual time-limit;
- b) One thousandth (1/1000th) of the initial amount of the contract inclusive of all taxes per calendar day beyond the 30th day.

23.2 The cumulated amounts of penalties for delay shall be limited to ten percent (10 %) of the initial contract inclusive of all taxes.

B. Specific penalties [amount to be indicated]

23.3 Independently of penalties for overrun of contractual time-limit, the contractor shall be liable for the following special penalties for the non observation of the provisions of the contract, especially:

- Late submission of final bond;
- Late submission of insurances;

- Late submission of the draft execution schedule if the lateness is caused by the contractor.

Article 24: Payment in case of a group of enterprises (article 33 of the GAC)

1. In the case of a group of enterprises, indicate the method of payment of co- and sub-contractors, where need be.
2. Indicate the method of payment of sub-contractors, where need be.

Article 25: Final detailed account (article 34 of the GAC)

25.1 [Indicate the time-limit available to the contractor to forward the draft to the Project Manager, after the date of provisional acceptance of the works (maximum 1 month)].

After completion of the works and within a maximum time-limit of fourteen (14) days after the date of provisional acceptance, the contractor shall establish, based on joint reports, the draft final detailed account of works executed and which detailed account summarises the total sums to which the contractor may be entitled as a result of the execution of the whole contract.

25.2 The Contract Manager has up to thirty (30) days to notify the corrected and approved draft to the Project Manager.

25.3 The contractor has up to thirty (30) days to return the signed final detailed account.

Article 26: General and final detailed account (article 35 of the GAC)

26.1 The Contract Manager or the Project Manager has up to thirty (30) days to establish the general detailed account and forward to the contractor after final acceptance.

At the end of the guarantee period which results in the final acceptance of the works, the Contract Manager draws up the general and final detailed accounts of the contract which he has had signed jointly by the contractor and the Contracting Authority. This detailed account includes:

- the final detailed account,
- the balance
- the summary of monthly payments on account.

The signing of the general and final detailed account without reservation by the contractor definitely binds the two parties, puts an end to the contract, except with regard to interest on overdue payments.

26.2 The contractor has up to thirty (30) days to return the signed final detailed account.

Article 27: Tax and customs regulations (article 36 of the GAC)

Decree No. 2003/651/PM of 16 April 2003 lays down the terms and conditions for implementing the tax regulations and customs procedures applicable to public contracts. The taxes applicable to this contract include notably:

- Taxes and dues relating to industrial and commercial profits, including the IAR which is a deduction on company taxes;
- Registration dues in accordance with the Tax Code;
- Dues and taxes attached to the execution of services provided for in the contract;
 - o Duties and taxes of entry into Cameroonian territory (customs duties, VAT, computer tax);
 - o Council dues and taxes;
 - o Dues and taxes relating to the extraction of building materials and water.

These elements must be included in the costs which the undertaking imputes on its running costs and constitute one of the elements of the sub-details of prices exclusive of taxes.

All taxes inclusive prices means VAT included.

Article 28: Stamp duty and registration of contracts (article 37 of GAC)

Seven (7) original copies of the contract shall be stamped by and at the cost of the contractor, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Chapter III: Execution of works

Article 29: Nature of the works (article 46 of GAC)

The works shall include especially: (position or volume of works)
(To be specified cf. Special Technical Conditions)

Article 30: Role and responsibilities of the Project Owner (GAC supplemented)

30.1 The Project Owner shall be bound to furnish the contractor with information necessary for the execution of his mission and to guarantee, at the cost of the contractor, access to sites of projects.

30.2 The Project Owner shall ensure the contractor of protection against threats, insults, violence, assault and battery, slander or defamation of which he could be victim by reason of or during the exercise of his mission.

Article 31: Execution time-limit of the contract (article 38 of the GAC)

31.1 The time-limit for the execution of the works forming the subject of this contract shall be **ninety (90) days**.

31.2 This time-limit shall run from the date of notification of the Administrative Order to commence execution of the works [or that fixed in this Administrative Order- to be specified].

Article 32: Role and responsibilities of the contractor (article 40 of the CAG)

The detailed and general plan of progress of the works shall be communicated to the Project Manager in five (05) copies at the beginning of each.

Article 33: Provision of documents and site (article 42 of the GAC)

A reproducible copy of the plans featuring in the Tender File shall be submitted by the Contract Manager.

The Project Owner shall make available the site and access ways to the contractor at the appropriate time as the works progress.

Article 34: Insurance of structures and civil liabilities (article 45 of GAC)

The following insurance policies are required within the scope of this contract in the minimum amounts indicated hereafter within fifteen (15) days of the notification of the contract (to be adapted):

- Liability insurance, business manager;
- Comprehensive insurance of the site;
- Insurance covering its ten-year obligation, where applicable.

Article 35: Documents to be furnished by the contractor (Article 49 of the GAC supplemented)

[Specify the deadlines for the transmission of documents as well as those of approval by persons to be designated]

35.1 Programme of works, Quality Assurance Plan and others (to be specified).

a) Within a minimum deadline of [fifteen (15) days] from the date of notification of the Administrative Order to commence execution, the contractor shall submit in [six (6)] copies for the approval of [Contract Manager after the endorsement of the Project Engineer] the execution programme of the works, his supply calendar, his draft Quality Assurance Plan and the Environment Management Plan, where applicable.

This programme shall be exclusively presented according to the furnished models.

Two (2) copies of these documents will be returned to him within a deadline of fifteen (15) days from the date of reception with:

- Either the indication "GOOD FOR EXECUTION";
- Or the indication of their reject including the reasons for the said rejection.

The contractor has eight (8) days to present a new draft. The Contract Manager or the Project Manager then has a deadline of five (5) days to give his approval or possibly make comments. Delay in approving the draft execution schedule shall not be taken into account.

The approval of the programme of works received by the Project Manager or the Contract Manager within the deadline of five (5) days following the date of receipt of the documents shall be considered as the acceptance of the programme of works. The contractor shall make available the documents for the Project Manager or the Contract Manager to check, and shall be disseminated by the Project Manager or the Contract Manager within the deadline of five (5) days following the date of receipt of the documents.

These documents shall be deemed to have been approved.

The contractor shall constantly update on site, a schedule that reflects the amount of real progress of the site. Article 35: Organisation and safety of site (article 30 of the GAC). Significant modifications may only be made on the contractor's programme and accompanying the approval of the Project Manager. After approval of the execution schedule by the Contract Manager, the latter shall transmit it within five (5) days to the Contracting Authority without staying its execution. However, if important modifications alter the objective of the contract or the nature of the works, the Contracting Authority shall return the execution schedule accompanied by reservations to be lifted within fifteen (15) days of the date of reception.

b) The Environment Management Plan should bring out notably the choice technical conditions of the site and basic life, conditions of the backfill of the extraction sites and conditions for reinstating the works and installation sites.

c) The contractor shall indicate in this schedule the equipment and methods which he intends to use as well as the personnel he intends to employ.

d) The approval granted by the Contract Manager or Project Manager shall in no way diminish the responsibility of the contractor with regard to the harmful consequences which their implementation may cause both towards third parties and the respect of clauses of the contract.

35.2 Execution draft

- The execution plan documents (*calculations and drawings*) necessary for the realisation of all the parts of the structure must be submitted for the endorsement of the [Contract Manager or Project Manager] at most fifteen (15) days prior to the date provided for the commencement of execution of the corresponding part of the structure.
- The [Contract Manager or Project Manager] has a deadline of [five (05) days] to examine and make known his observations. The contractor then has a deadline of [24/00 days] to present a new file including the said observations.

35.3 In case of the non observance of the approval deadlines of the above documents by the Administration, these documents shall be submitted on the margin for validation.

Article 36: Organisation and safety of site (article 30 of the GAC)

36.1 Signboards at the beginning and end of each section must be placed within a maximum deadline of fifteen days after the notification of the Administrative Order to commence work.

36.2 The services to inform in case of interruption of traffic or along the deviated itinerary: [To be specified in accordance with article 50(2) of the GAC].

36.3 Indicate the special measures demanded of the contractor, other than those provided for in the GAC, for rules of hygiene and safety and for circulation around or in the site.

Article 37: Implantation of structures

The Project Manager shall notify within [five] days following the date of notification of the Administrative Order to commence work, the basic points and levels of the project.

Article 38: Sub-contracting (article 54 of the GAC)

The part of the works to be sub-contracted shall be [specify] % of the initial amount of the contract and its additional clauses (the ceiling is 30 %).

Article 39: Site laboratory and trials (article 55 of GAC)

39.1 Indicate if necessary the modalities for carrying out the trials and geotechnical studies provided for in the Special Technical Conditions.

39.2 The Contract Manager has a deadline of three days to approve the contractor's personnel and laboratory as soon as the request is made.

Article 40: Site logbook (article 56 of the GAC supplemented)

40.1 The Site logbook must be systematically jointly signed by the Project Manager or Engineer, where need be and the contractor's representative each day.

40.2 It is a joint document in a single copy. Its pages must be numbered and initialled. No page should be removed. The erased or cancelled parts must be mentioned in the margin of validation.

Article 41: Use of explosives (article 60 of the GAC)

[Specify the possible restrictions or bans]

Chapter IV: Acceptance

Article 42: PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

42.1 PRE- ACCEPTANCE OPERATIONS

Before the acceptance of the works the contractor shall ask in writing to the control Engineer, to organize a technical visit for pre-acceptance. This visit shall include the following operations.

- Qualitative and quantitative evaluations of the different works that have been executed.
- Findings and statement of the unexecuted task envisaged in the present jobbing order.
- Findings relative to the completion of the work
- Findings on the quantity of works that have been effectively realized

These operations shall be subject to a site report drawn up on the field, signed by the following.

-Control Engineer,
-Contractor.

During this pre-reception, the engineer shall eventually specify the reserves to be lifted and the corresponding works to be effected before the reception. The Engineer shall fix the reception date in collaboration with the chief of service for the contract.

b. Revision shall be "frozen" upon expiry of the contractual time-limit, except in the case of price

42.2 Acceptance

The acceptance commission shall comprise:

Article 14: Article 72 of the GAC

- ❖ The Representation of the contracting authority.....(secretary)
- ❖ The Divisional Delegate of MINHDU
- ❖ The Divisional Delegate of MINMAP or his representative.....(observer)
- ❖ The Project Manager (The CDO, Balikumbat Council).....(member)
- ❖ The Representative of the beneficiary population.....(observer)
- ❖ The Stores Accountant Balikumbat Council.....(member)
- ❖ The contractor.....(member)

15.1 Prices shall be firm.

The commission shall examine the report of the pre-acceptance and shall proceed to the acceptance. An acceptance report (process - verbal) of the works shall be prepared by the Engineer and signed by all the commission members.

However, the report (process - verbal) shall be valid if two third (2/3) of the members including the chairperson append their signatures.

The chairperson can only convene the acceptance of works when he must have received from the Contract Engineer the report (process - verbal) of the technical acceptance of works with no reserves pending clearance. This report (process - verbal) of the technical acceptance of works shall be an integral part of the acceptance of works' report (attached to acceptance of works report) and shall accompany the bills for settlement

An indemnity shall be perceived by the members as per specified in the SRT t

Article 43: GUARANTEE PERIOD.

The guarantee period is one (01) year from the date of the provisional reception for the section of new civil Engineering works.

Article 44: Article 45: Final acceptance (article 72 of the GAC)

44.1 Final acceptance shall take place within a maximum deadline of [fifteen (15) days] from the date of expiry of the guarantee.

44.2 The Project Manager [shall [not] be member of the commission.

The procedure for final acceptance shall be the same as for provisional acceptance

Chapter V: Sundry provisions

Article 45: Termination of the contract (article 74 of the GAC)

The contract may be terminated as provided for in the Decree No. 2018/366 OF 20 June 2018 of the Public contract Code and equally under the conditions laid down in articles 74, 75 and 76 of the GAC especially in one of the following cases:

- death of the contractor
- bankruptcy of the contractor
- judicial liquidation (contractor not authorised by court to exploit her enterprise)
- sub contracting of works without the authorisation of the project owner. Incompetence of the contractor duly notified by the Project owner
- Non respect of labour code rules and regulations
- fraud and corruption duly noticed

Article 46: Case of force majeure (article 75 of the GAC)

If the contractor were to raise the issue of force majeure, the thresholds below which claims shall not be admitted are:

- Rainfall: 200 millimetres in 24 hours;
- Wind: 40 metres per second;
- Flood: decennial flood frequency.

Article 47: Disagreements and disputes (article 79 of the GAC)

Disagreements and disputes resulting from the execution of this contract may be settled amicably.

Where no amicable solution can be found for a disagreement, it is brought before the competent Cameroonian jurisdiction, subject to the following provisions: [to be filled, where need be].

Article 48: Production and dissemination of this contract

[Twenty (20)] copies of this contract shall be produced at the cost of the contractor and furnished to the Contract Manager.

Article 49 and last: Entry into force of the contract

This contract shall be final only upon its signature by the Contracting Authority. It shall enter into force as soon as it is notified to the contractor by the Contracting Authority.

Document No. 5: Special Technical Conditions (STC)

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Purpose of these Special Technical Conditions

These Special Technical Conditions concern the for the GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL JUNCTION TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKE TUNJA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION . These special technical conditions are established with reference to the General Technical Conditions (GTC)

1) TM001 - Site installation

Description of works

These works consist of the mobilization of materials and personnel, the execution of geological and technical surveys and the performance of site preparation and layout, the construction of a site office, dormitories, etc...

The site office will be located near the site, in the center of the road, in a place of sufficient size.

2) Project information sign post

Description of works

This consist of fabricating information boards in wood, the supply to the administrative authorities of the various roads so as to furnish the populations with all information concerning the project.

The boards will carry the following information:

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Project Owner /Contracting Authority	Mayor BALIKUMBAT Council
Funding body	MINHDU 2026 Public Investment Budget
Contract Engineer	Divisional Delegate Housing and Urban Development-NGOKETUNJA
Project Manager	The Chief of technical Service and Regional Development Balikumbat Council
Contractor	To precise
Duration of the contract	Four (04) months

3) TM002 - Mobilization and folding up of equipment

Description of works

This task consists of the mobilization of equipment to the site through a loader and at the end of the works the folding up of the equipment by same means and the realization of all the works necessary to re-establish the site to their initial state.

4) TM001 - BUSH CUTTING

Description of works

These works consist of removing vegetation and cleaning the edges of the road as well as on its immediate surroundings, felling trees and/ or trimming tree branches obstructing visibility, etc.

Mode of execution of works

This consists of clearing all vegetation at a width of two meters from the outer edge of the gutter and scraping and discarding vegetative soil from the road surface. These are labour intensive works carried out by groups of workers recruited from the community and equipped with the necessary tools to carry out the job.

5) TM108 - Fill with good laterite from borrow pit including disposing of spoil, moulding of the carriage way, cleaning and creation of ditches and off shoots (width of the road will be 5m)

Description of works

This involves realization of the technical bloc and the linking to the existing carriage way (road) BALIKUMBAT COUNCIL INTERNAL TENDERS BOARD

• CBR at 95% of OPM after four days of immersion		≥ 40
• Maximum dry density at 93% OPM (T/M ³)		≥ 1,8
• Plasticity index(IP)		≤ 25
• Percentage of fine grains<0.08mm	F	5≤F≤30
• Module of plasticity	F.IP	<500
• Linear inflation	%	<1
• Maximum diameter of grains	mm	40
• % passing through a sieve of 10mm	<10	35 – 90
• % passing through a sieve of 5mm	<5	20 – 60
• Residue at a sieve of 2mm	>2	10 – 40

The selected material from the borrow pit shall be laid on a trench and plat form previously shaped and compacted at a dry density of at least 90% OPM. The material shall be laid in horizontal layers of 20cm thick and having a water content equal to that of OPM before compaction (±2%).

The fill is compacted methodically up to 95% of the dry density of OPM. The rate of compaction shall be verified in -situ with a membrane densitometer at every 1000m². A sample compaction test shall be carried out to determine of passes necessary to obtain the required compaction rate.

6) TM111 - Simple grading including enlargement of the existing carriage of 4m to 5m and excluding the creation of ditches and offshoots

Description of works
This consists of simple mechanized grading of the wearing course of platform without scarification or compaction, total removal of soil and stones on the road surface. It includes the removal of all material showing or blocking the smooth flow of water from the road surface to the gutters like soil deposits, stones, sand, rocky blocks, vegetable debris etc.

Mode of execution of works
These works consist of the scrapping of the shoulders of the road 1.5m each which is elevated relative to the carriage which and is reduced to a flat track and the leveling of the undulated shoulders,

This task comprises notably the simple mechanized grading of the wearing course to give a camber of 2%. These works include following :

- off rooting of every vegetation existing on the shoulders in question,;
- removal of all roofs and stumps eventually;
- scraping of the existing shoulder to give it a plat form so as to later on give by grading the carriage way the applicable typical transversal slope;
- the removal of materials resulting from the scraping no matter their thickness so as give the existing carriage and the shoulder same level.
- freeing of the shoulder of all obstacles;
- evacuation of all vegetable soil, the materials resulting from these works to a dump area as will be indicated by the project manager no matter the distance of transport;
- Molding and compaction of the platform (TM110)
All contingencies related to the respect of environmental prescriptions;
- And all other contingencies.

8) TM114a – Mechanical or manual creation of earth ditches and offshoots

Description of works
This involves the creation of earth ditches and offshoots manually or mechanically or manually where hard surfaces. This shall be manually in rocky zones or in the soil, earth dredging, the removal of vegetation, total removal of vegetation on the road surface. It includes the removal of all material showing or blocking the smooth flow of water from the road surface to the gutters like soil deposits, stones, sand, rocky blocks, vegetable debris etc.

Mode of execution of works

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The creation shall be done with a grader or manually to restore the original characteristics of the ditch (a V gutter of 100cm wide and 50-60cm deep). The unwanted material removed shall be discarded away from the road surface.

Manual creation shall be carried out by teams of personnel recruited from the community and equipped with the necessary tools (jumpers, spades, wheel barrows, cutlasses etc). The personnel shall also be equipped with personal protective material (boots, helmets, etc) to safeguard their health).

9) TM308a - Supply and putting in place of reinforced concrete ring culvert Ø800mm AND Ø1000mm including the support in RC

Description of works

This consists of the supply and putting in place of RC ring culverts

This task comprises notably the:

- supply and the transport of metallic ring culvert elements, accessories and necessary tools for their assembly to the site;
- setting out of the culvert passage;
- putting in place eventually of a temporary passage;
- excavation of the trench for the culvert, upstream and downstream as long as will enable the free flow of runoff into and out of the culvert on all type of terrain and the evacuation of the products issued from the excavation to a place indicated by the project manager;
- shaping and sloping the bed of the culvert
- evacuation of the spoil
- assembling of these elements in a zigzag manner according to the prescribed lengths per passage;
- application of anti rust to the culvert elements before assemble;
- realization of the technical bloc (supply and putting in place of laterite of good quality) with culvert cover equal to $\varnothing/2 + 10$ cm at least, (\varnothing diameter of the culvert),
- execution of all contingencies related to the putting in place of the culvert and to all measures to be taken to prevent differential settlement of the culvert passage;
- opening of the trench upstream and downstream as long as possible for a free flow of water;
- execution of all contingencies related to traffic flow and to the respect of environmental prescriptions;
- linking of the technical bloc to the existing road with laterite with slopes less than 4%;

And all other contingencies.

Mode of execution of works

The works shall be done manually for the excavation, the disposal of spoil, compaction of the base of the culvert as well as the fill around the assembled culvert will be done in layers of 20cm thick (compacted).

The unwanted material removed shall be discarded away from the road surface.

No insertion of the culvert into a trenches dimensioned for the size of the assembled ring so as to avoid fill and compaction will be accepted

10) TM309a &TM310a - Culvert chamber and head for the R.C. ring culvert Ø 800 mm and Ø1000 mm in stone masonry

Description of works

These works consist of the construction of a culvert chamber or head in stone masonry as per the plans annexed to this performance program.

This task comprises notably the:

- supply including the transport to the site of materials (stones, cement, sand, gravel etc) and the necessary tools for the works;
- setting out of the culvert chamber;
- excavation no matter the nature of the terrain and the evacuation of the spoil issued no matter the distance of transport;
- fabrication of mortar dosed at 400 kg of cement per cubic meter and the shaping of the stones and the elevation including the humidification of the stones, and the bonding and pointing of the stones;
- backfilling, the compaction and all drainage into the trench of the culvert upstream and downstream;
- execution of all contingencies related to traffic flow and to the respect of environmental prescriptions;

And all other contingencies.

Mode of execution of works

The creation shall be done exclusively manually (excavation, shaping of stones, humidification, elevation, bonding, pointing, backfilling and the disposal of spoil)

Dimensions of the chamber and head. Comply with plans annexed

11) TM601 - Construction of rain gates

This consists of the supply and putting in place of rain gates using I-BEAM 200 for the standing poles with three standing poles providing space for light vehicles the width of which will be specified by the Contract Engineer and on the execution plans. A horizontal pipe will be anchored to one of the extreme standing I-BEAM to form a pivot such that the pipe can be locked on the central I-BEAM. Therefore provision will be made at the central beam for the locking and opening of the gate.

12) TM602 -Provision for relocation of utilities (water supply network pipes)

This consists of identifying the positions of pipes along the road alongside the village water management committee chair or his duly mandated representative and causing this committee through his chair to free the pipes or any other accessories from the right of way of the road for works to be executed. The chairperson will jointly with the contractor, the Contract Engineer evaluate the works to be executed and materials plus labour will be provided by the contractor for the works that will be realised by the water committee against justifications. This expenses will be moderated by the indirect charges of the enterprise for her payment.

13) SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Safety measures shall be put in place to safeguard the health of the workers. They shall be equipped with personal protective equipment like helmets, boots, gloves, goggles, rain coats etc. a first aid box shall be provided on the site to render first 'aid' services in case of any accident. Before the start of each task, workers shall be reminded of the potential hazards associated to that task and the safety measures to be taken to avoid possible accidents. Working points shall be well signalized to road users using sign boards placed at adequate positions that can be visible to everybody.

Every area from which soil is to be extracted shall be covered with vegetative soil at the end of the job to facilitate the growth of vegetation and to avoid erosion.

Document No. 6: Schedule of unit prices

**UNIT PRICE FOR THE GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM
BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE
CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL PREMISES TO KENGANG QUARTER
IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJA DIVISION IN THE NORTH
WEST REGION.**

No du prix	DESIGNATION	Unité	UNIT PRICE IN FIGURES	UNIT PRICE IN WORD
SERIE 000	PRIX GENERAUX			Description of works
1	Installation de chantier	FF		Project information sign road
2	Fourniture et pose des panneaux pour la visibilité du projet y compris toutes sujétions	U		hut for site need, etc.
SERIE 100	TRAVAUX PREPARATOIRES			Preparation work
101	Nettoyage du terrain et débroussaillage de l'emprise de la route y compris toutes sujétions	m2		Land cleaning and shrub removal
102	Abattage d'arbres	U		Tree felling
SERIE 300	ASSAINISSEMENT ET DRAINAGE			Waste water
301	Fourniture et pose des buses en béton armé Ø1000 mm y compris toutes sujétions	NO		Supply and installation of Ø1000mm reinforced concrete pipes
303	Construction des puisards en béton armé pour buses Ø1000mm y compris toutes sujétions	U		Construction of Ø1000mm reinforced concrete pits for pipes
304	Construction des gouttières en macconnerie en y compris toutes sujétions	ml		Construction of Ø1000mm reinforced concrete pipes
305	Construction des têtes de buses en béton armé pour buses Ø1000mm y compris toutes sujétions	U		Construction of Ø1000mm reinforced concrete pipe heads
SERIE 500	EQUIPEMENT			Equipment
502	Construction et pose des barrières de pluie y compris toutes sujétions	U		Construction and installation of rainwater barriers

Document No. 7:
FORMAT Bill of quantities and estimates

BILL OF QUANTITIES AND COST ESTIMATE FOR THE GRADING AND CREATION OF GULTERS ON ROAD FROM BARRACKS TO JOGURU QUARTERS WITH THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE CULVERTS AND ROAD FROM THE COUNCIL PREMISES TO KENGANG QUARTER IN BALIKUMBAT MUNICIPALITY OF NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST REGION.

No du prix	DESIGNATION	Unité	quantités totales	P.U (HT)	PRIX TOTAL (HT)
SERIE 000	PRIX GENERAUX				
1	Installation de chantier	FF	1		
2	Fourniture et pose des panneaux pour la visibilité du projet y compris toutes sujétions	U	2		
TOTAL SERIE 000: PRIX GENERAUX					
SERIE 100	TRAVAUX PREPARATOIRES				
101	Nettoyage du terrain et débroussaillage de l'emprise de la route y compris toutes sujétions	m2	2399		
102	Abattage d'arbres	U	54		
TOTAL SERIE 100: PRIX GENERAUX					
SERIE 300	ASSAINISSEMENT ET DRAINAGE				
301	Fourniture et pose des buses en béton armé Ø1000 mm y compris toutes sujétions	NO	10		
303	Construction des puisards en béton armé pour buses Ø1000mm y compris toutes sujétions	U	10		
304	Construction des goutieres en macconerie en y compris toutes sujétions	ml	500		
305	Construction des têtes de buses en béton armé pour buses Ø1000mm y compris toutes sujétions	U	10		
TOTAL SERIE 300: ASSAINISSEMENT ET DRAINAGE					
SERIE 500	EQUIPEMENT				
502	Construction et pose des barrières de pluie y compris toutes sujétions	U	3		
TOTAL SERIE 500: EQUIPEMENT					
TOTAL HTVA					
VAT (19.25%)					
TOTAL TTC					
AIR (2.2% OR 5.5%)					
NET PAYABLE					