

Request for Proposals

RFP # NTA-01-2011

Country: **Nepal**

Title of Consulting Services:

Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centres

Office Name:

Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)

Office Address:

Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor

March 13, 2011

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Nepal Telecommunication Authority
Bluestar Office Complex,
Tripureshwor, Kathmandu
March 2011

Dear Mr/Ms.:

1. Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) invites proposals to provide consulting services on **Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centres** with the objective to evaluate the success and failures of these centres. More details on the services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference.
2. A consultant will be selected under **least cost based selection (LCBS)** and procedures described in this RFP.
3. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 - Letter of Invitation
 - Section 2 - Information to Consultants
 - Section 3 - Technical Proposal - Standard Forms
 - Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
 - Section 5 - Terms of Reference
 - Section 6 - Standard Forms of Contract

 - Annex-1: Bid Bond Form
 - Annex-2: Performance Guarantee Form
 - Annex-3: List of ICT Centers with its detail address
4. Please inform us, upon receipt:
 - (a) that you received the letter of invitation; and
 - (b) Whether you will submit a proposal alone or in association.
5. NTA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Bhesh Raj Kanel
Chairman, NTA

Section 2. Information to Consultants

- 1. Introduction**
- 1.1 The *Client named in the Data Sheet* will select a consultant among those listed in the Letter of Invitation, in accordance with the *method of selection specified in the Data Sheet*.
- 1.2 The consultants are *invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, for services as specified in the Data Sheet* The proposal will be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed contract with the selected consultant.
- 1.3 The consultants must familiarize themselves with local conditions and take them into account in preparing their proposals. To obtain first hand information on the assignment and on the local conditions, consultants are encouraged to visit the Client before submitting a proposal and are advised to attend a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the Data Sheet.
- 1.4 The Client will provide the inputs specified in the Data Sheet, assist the consultant in obtaining licences and permits needed to carry out the services, and make available relevant project data and reports.
- 1.5 Please note that (i) the costs of preparing the proposal and of negotiating the contract, including a visit to the Client, are not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment; and (ii) the Client is not bound to accept any of the proposals submitted.
- 1.6 GoN (or Donor Agency) policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Client.
- 1.7.1 Without limitation on the generality of this rule, consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
- a. A consultant, who has been engaged by the Client to provide goods or works for a project, and any of their affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project. Conversely, consultants hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and any of their affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the initial assignment (other than a continuation of the consultant's earlier consulting services) for the same project.
- b. Consultants or any of their affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment which, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants.
- 1.7.2 Any previous or ongoing participation in relation to the assignment by the consultant, its professional staff or affiliates or associates under a contract with the GoN may result in rejection of the proposal. Consultants should clarify their situation in that respect with the Client before preparing the proposal.

- 1.8 It is the GoN's policy to require its implementing agencies, as well as consultants under GoN (or Donor Agency) financed contracts, to observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the GoN:
- a. defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - i. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution; and
 - ii. "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client, and includes collusive practices among consultants (prior to or after submission of proposals) designed to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the borrower of the benefits of free and open competition.
 - b. will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities in competing for the contract in question;
 - c. will cancel the consultant's contract if it at any time determines that corrupt or fraudulent practices were engaged in by representatives of the consultant or the Client during the selection process or the execution of that contract;
 - d. will debar a consultant for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if it at any time determines that the consultant has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract; and
 - e. will have the right to require that, a provision be included requiring consultants to permit the Client inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.
- 1.9 Consultants shall not be under a debarment for corrupt and fraudulent practices issued by GoN accordance with the above sub para. 1.8 (d).
- 1.10 Consultants shall be aware of the provisions on fraud and corruption stated in the Standard Contract under the clauses indicated in the Data Sheet.

2. Clarification and Amendment of RFP Documents

- 2.1 Consultants may request a clarification of any of the RFP documents up to the number of days indicated in the Data Sheet before the proposal submission date. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing by paper mail, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to the Client's address indicated in the Data Sheet. The Client will respond by cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to such requests and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) to all invited consultants who intend to submit proposals.
- 2.2 At any time before the submission of proposals, the Client may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by an invited consultant, amend the RFP. Any amendment shall be issued in writing through addenda. Addenda shall be sent by mail, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail to all

invited consultants and will be binding on them. The Client may at its discretion extend the deadline for the submission of proposals.

3. Preparation of Proposal

Technical Proposal

3.1 Consultants are requested to submit a proposal Sub - Clause 1.2 written in the language(s) specified in the Data Sheet.

3.2 In preparing the Technical Proposal (TP), consultants are expected to examine the documents constituting this RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a proposal.

3.3 While preparing the Technical Proposal, consultants must give particular attention to the following:

- i. If a consultant considers that it does not have all the expertise for the assignment, it may obtain a full range of expertise by associating with individual consultant(s) and/or other consultants or entities in a joint venture or sub-consultancy, as appropriate. Consultants may associate with the other consultants invited for this assignment only with approval of the Client as indicated in the Data Sheet. Consultants must obtain the approval of the Client to enter into a joint venture with consultants not invited for this assignment.
- ii. For assignments on a staff-time basis, the estimated number of professional staff-months is given in the Data Sheet. The proposal shall, however, be based on the number of professional staff-months estimated by the consultant. For fixed-budget-based assignments, the available budget is given in the Data Sheet, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.
- iii. It is desirable that the majority of the key professional staff proposed be permanent employees of the consultant or have an extended and stable working relationship with it.
- iv. Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the Data Sheet, preferably working under conditions similar to those prevailing in Nepal.
- v. Alternative professional staff shall not be proposed, and only one curriculum vitae (CV) may be submitted for each position.
- vi. Reports to be issued by the consultants as part of this assignment must be in the language(s) as specified in the Data Sheet.

3.4 The Technical Proposal shall provide the following information using the attached Standard Forms (Section 3):

- i. A brief description of the consultant's organization and an outline of recent experience on assignments (Section 3B) of a similar nature. For each assignment, the outline should indicate, *inter alia*, the client, location and duration of the assignment, contract amount, and consultant's involvement.
- ii. Any comments or suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on the data, a list of services, and facilities to be provided by the Client (Section 3C).
- iii. A description of the methodology and work plan for performing the assignment (Section 3D).

- iv. The list of the proposed staff team by specialty, the tasks that would be assigned to each staff team member, and their timing (Section 3E).
- v. CVs recently signed by the proposed professional staff and the authorised representative submitting the proposal (Section 3F). Key information should include number of years working for the consultant/entity and degree of responsibility held in various assignments during the last ten (10) years.
- vi. Estimates of the total staff input (professional and support staff; staff time) needed to carry out the assignment, supported by bar chart diagrams showing the time proposed for each professional staff team member (Sections 3E and 3G).
- vii. A detailed description of the proposed methodology, staffing, and monitoring of training, if the Data Sheet specifies training as a major component of the assignment.
- viii. Any additional information requested in the Data Sheet.

3.5 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information.

Financial Proposal

3.6 In preparing the Financial Proposal (FP), consultants are expected to take into account the requirements and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Financial Proposal should follow Standard Forms (Section 4). It lists all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for staff (, in the field and at headquarters), and (b) reimbursable expenses such as subsistence (per diem, housing), transportation (mobilization and demobilization), services and equipment (vehicles, office equipment, furniture, and supplies), office rent, insurance, printing of documents, communication (Telephone, Fax etc.) surveys, and training, if it is a major component of the assignment. If appropriate, these costs should be broken down by activity.

3.7 The Financial Proposal should include all duties, taxes and other levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable law payable by the Consultant under the Contract or for any other cause.

3.8 Consultants shall express the price of their services in Nepalese Rupees.

3.9 The Data Sheet indicates the required validity period of the proposals. During this period, the consultant is expected to keep available the professional staff proposed for the assignment. The Client will make its best effort to complete negotiations within this period. If the Client wishes to extend the validity period of the proposals, the consultants who do not agree have the right not to extend the validity of their proposals.

4. Submission, Receipt, and Opening of Proposals

4.1 (a) The original proposal (TP and FP) shall be prepared in indelible ink. It shall contain no interlineations or overwriting, except as necessary to correct errors made by the consultant itself. Any such corrections must be initialled by the persons or person who sign(s) the proposals.

(b) The original proposal shall contain a bid bond of **NRs 12,500.00** (Nepalese Twelve thousand and five hundred Only) issued by a reputed Commercial Bank in the format given in **Annex-1**, with a validity of 90 days from the closing date of proposal.

- 4.2 An authorized representative of the Consultants shall initial all pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposals. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney accompanying the Proposal.
- 4.3 For each proposal, the consultants shall prepare the number of copies indicated in the Data Sheet. Each Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal shall be marked “ORIGINAL” or “COPY” as appropriate. If there are any discrepancies between the original and the copies of the proposal, the original governs.
- 4.4 The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**Technical Proposal,**” and the original and all copies of the Financial Proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**” and warning: “**Do NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.**” Both envelopes shall be placed into an outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address and other information indicated in the Data Sheet and be clearly marked, “**Do NOT OPEN, EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.**”
- 4.5 The completed Technical and Financial Proposals must be delivered at the submission address on or before the time and date stated in the Data Sheet. Any proposal received after the closing time for submission of proposals shall be returned unopened.
- 4.6 After the deadline for submission of proposals, the Technical Proposal shall be opened immediately by the evaluation committee. The Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and deposited with the Client’s Procurement Unit until all submitted proposals are opened publicly.

5. Proposal Evaluation

General

- 5.1 From the time the bids are opened to the time the contract is awarded, if any consultant wishes to contact the Client on any matter related to its proposal, it should do so in writing at the address indicated in the Data Sheet. Any effort by the consultant to influence the Client in the Client’s proposal evaluation, proposal comparison or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the consultant’s proposal.
- 5.2 Evaluators of Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation, is concluded.

Evaluation of Technical Proposals (QCBS,QBS,FBS, LCBS)

- 5.3 The evaluation committee, appointed by the Client as a whole, and each of its members individually, evaluates the proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, applying the evaluation criteria and point system specified in the Data Sheet. The evaluation committee shall compute the score obtained by each proposal by taking the average of the scores given by each member to the particular proposal. Each responsive proposal will be given a technical score (St). A proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the Terms of Reference or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet.
- 5.4 In the case of Quality-Based Selection, the highest ranked consultant is invited to negotiate its proposal and the contract on the basis of the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal submitted in accordance with the instructions given in para. 1.2 and the Data Sheet.

Public Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals (CBS Only)

5.5. The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the consultants' representatives who choose to attend. The name of the consultant and the proposed prices shall be read aloud and recorded. The Client shall prepare minutes of the public opening.

Public Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals (QCBS, FBS, LCBS)

5.6 After the evaluation of quality is completed, the Client shall notify those consultants whose proposals did not meet the minimum qualifying mark or were considered non-responsive to the RFP and Terms of Reference, indicating that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process. The Client shall simultaneously notify the consultants that have secured the minimum qualifying mark, indicating the date and time set for opening the Financial Proposals. The opening date shall be 7 after the notification date. The notification may be sent by registered letter, cable, telex, facsimile, or electronic mail.

5.7 The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the consultants' representatives who choose to attend. The name of the consultant, the technical scores, and the proposed prices shall be read aloud and recorded when the Financial Proposals are opened. The Client shall prepare minutes of the public opening.

5.8 The evaluation committee will determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete (i.e., whether they have costed all items of the corresponding Technical Proposals; if not, the Client will cost them and add their cost to the initial price), correct any computational errors.

5.9 In case of Fixed Budget Selection (FBS), the consultant's Financial Proposals with cost more than the specified fixed budget ceiling by the Client in Data Sheet shall be rejected.

5.10 In case of Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS), the consultant's proposal which has scored the minimum pass mark in the Technical proposal and is of the least cost in the financial proposal shall be invited for negotiation.

5.11 In case of QCBS and FBS with financial proposal within specified fixed budget ceiling, the lowest Financial Proposal (Fm) will be given a financial score (Sf) of 100 points. The financial scores (Sf) of the other Financial Proposals will be computed as indicated in the Data Sheet. Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) indicated in the Data Sheet: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$. The consultant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.

6. Negotiations

6.1 Negotiations will be held at the address indicated in the Data Sheet. The aim is to reach agreement on all points and sign a contract.

6.2 Negotiations will include a discussion of the Technical Proposal, the proposed methodology (work plan), staffing and any suggestions made by the consultant to improve the Terms of Reference. The Client and consultant will then work out final Terms of Reference, staffing, and bar charts indicating activities, staff, periods in the field and in the home office, staff-months, logistics, and reporting. The agreed work plan and final Terms of Reference will then be incorporated in the "Description of Services" and form part of the contract. Special attention will be paid to getting the most the consultant can offer within the available budget and to clearly defining

the inputs required from the Client to ensure satisfactory implementation of the assignment.

- 6.3 Unless there are exceptional reasons, the financial negotiations will involve neither the remuneration rates for staff (no breakdown of fees) nor other proposed unit rates in the cases of QCBS methods. For QBS, the consultant should provide the information on remuneration rates described in the Appendix to this information.
- 6.4 Having selected the consultant on the basis of, among other things, an evaluation of proposed key professional staff, the Client expects to negotiate a contract on the basis of the experts named in the proposal. Before contract negotiations, the Client will require assurances that the experts will be actually available. The Client will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or that such changes are critical to meet the objectives of the assignment. If substitution is considered then the proposed alternative candidate shall be evaluated as per the original criteria. The qualification and experience of the substitute candidate shall equal to or higher than the originally proposed candidate. If this is not the case and if it is established that key staff were offered in the proposal without confirming their availability, the consultant may be disqualified.
- 6.5 The negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft form of the contract. . If negotiations fail, the Client will invite the consultant whose proposal received the second highest score to negotiate a Contract.

7. Award of Contract

- 7.1 Pursuant to Sub-Clause 6.5, the consultant, with whom agreement is reached following negotiation, shall be selected for approval of his proposal and the Client shall notify it's intention to accept the proposal to the selected consultant and other short-listed consultants within 7 days of selection of the winning proposal.
- 7.2 Any consultant, who has submitted a proposal and is not satisfied with the procurement process or Client's decision provided as per Sub - Clause 7.1 and believes that the Client has committed an error or breach of duty which has or will result in loss to him then the consultant may give an application for review of the decision to the Client with reference to the error or breach of duty committed by the Client. The review application should be given within 7 days of receipt of information regarding the issue of letter by the Client notifying it's intention to accept the winning proposal pursuant to Sub Clause 7.1.
- 7.3 (a) If the review application is not received by the Client pursuant to Sub-Clause 7.2 then the proposal of the Consultant, selected as per Sub-Clause 7.1 shall be accepted and the successful consultant shall be notified to come for signing the Agreement within 15 days.

(b) Before signing of the contract, the consultant shall submit a Performance Guarantee equivalent to **5%** of the contract amount from reputed commercial bank. The format of such Performance Guarantee is given in **Annex-2**. The validity of performance guarantee shall be of One year. The Performance Guarantee shall be forfeited by the client in the event that the consultant fails to fulfil the obligation as specified in the contract.
- 7.4 If the Consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Sub-Clause

7.3 then the Client will invite the consultant whose proposal received the next highest score to negotiate a contract.

7.5 If a review application is received by the Client pursuant to Clause 7.1 then the Client will clarify and respond within 5 days of receiving such application

7.6 If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision given by the procuring entity and/ or the decision is not given by the Procuring Entity Chief within 5 days then the applicant can file a complaint to the Review committee within 7 days.

7.7 The Client shall return the unopened Financial Proposals of those consultants who did not pass the technical evaluation.

7.8 The consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the Data Sheet.

8. Confidentiality

8.1 Information relating to evaluation of proposals and recommendations concerning awards shall not be disclosed to the consultants who submitted the proposals or to other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the letter of intention to accept the proposal is not issued to the selected consultant pursuant to Sub- Clause 7.1.

9. Conduct of Consultants

9.1 The Consultant shall be responsible to fulfill his obligations as per the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and GoN's Public Procurement Act and Regulations.

9.2 The consultant shall not carry out or cause to carryout the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the procurement agreement :

- a. give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
- b. distortion or misrepresentation of facts
- c. engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
- d. interference in participation of other prospective bidders.
- e. coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceedings,
- f. collusive practice among consultants before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among consultants or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.
- g. contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to the notification of award of contract

10. Blacklisting Consultant

10.1 Without prejudice to any other rights of the Employer under this Contract , Nepal Telecommunications Authority may blacklist a Consultant for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the consultant:

- a) if it is proved that the bidder committed acts pursuant to the Information to Consultants clause 9.2,
- b) if the bidder fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Information

to Consultants clause 7.3,

- c) if it is proved later that the bidder/contractor has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed work is not of the specified quality as per the contract
 - d) if convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the consultant from participating in the contract.
 - e) if it is proved that the contract agreement signed by the consultant was based on false or misrepresentation of consultant's qualification information,
 - f) other acts mentioned in the Data Sheet or SCC
- 10.2 A Consultant declared blacklisted and ineligible by the Non-Public procurement Office and or concerned Donor Agency in case of donor funded project shall be ineligible to bid for a contract during the period of time determined by the GON and or the concerned donor agency.

Information to Consultants

DATA SHEET

Clause Reference

1.1	<p>The name of the Client is: Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)</p> <p>The method of selection is: Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS) Method</p>
1.2	<p>The name, objectives, and description of the assignment are:</p> <p>Name : Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centres</p> <p>Objectives: (i) to assess the impact of these centres, (ii) evaluate success and failures of these centres and (iii) identify any challenges or issues they are facing in their operation.</p> <p>Description: The consultant will visit all 58 centres covering 26 districts where the centres have been established and are in operation to accomplish the above objectives and submit its study report to NTA. The detail is mentioned in the Terms of Reference.</p>
1.3	<p>A pre-proposal conference will be held: No</p> <p>The name(s), address(es), and telephone numbers of the Client's official(s) are:</p> <p>Name: Mr. Bhesh Raj Kanel, Chairman, Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)</p> <p>Address: Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu</p> <p>Telephone No. : 977-1-4101030/31/32/33</p> <p>Email: ntra@nta.gov.np</p>
1.4	<p>The Client will provide the following inputs: facilitate access to related reports, information or any data subject to availability and relevancy.</p>
1.10	<p>The clauses on fraud and corruption in the Contract are: GCC Clause 10 and 11.</p>
2.1	<p>Clarifications may be requested 15 days before the submission date.</p> <p>The address for requesting clarifications is: Nepal Telecommunication Authority (NTA), Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Facsimile: 977-1-4101034</p> <p>Email: ntra@nta.gov.np</p>
3.1	<p>Proposals should be submitted in the following language(s): English</p>
3.3	<p>(i) Short listed consultants/entity may associate with other short listed consultants: Not Applicable</p> <p>(iv) The minimum required experience of proposed professional staff is:</p> <p><u>Team Leader, with at least 3 years of professional experience in the</u></p>

	<p><i>related field and accomplished at <u>least two similar assignments.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Team Members</u> with at least <u>2 years</u> of professional experience in the related field and accomplished at least <u>one similar assignment.</u></i></p> <p><i>The team should comprise at least two persons and must be from at least two different fields i.e. from the fields of</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) Social Sciences/Economics/Statistics and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) Telecommunications/IT</p> <p>Note: <i>Consultants who are currently engaged in NTA consultancies and has not completed the assignment are not encouraged to apply.</i></p> <p>(vi) Reports that are part of the assignment must be written in the following language(s): English</p>		
3.4	<p>(vii) Training is a specific component of this assignment: No</p> <p>(viii) Additional information in the Technical Proposal includes: As relevant</p>		
3.9	Proposals must remain valid 90 days after the submission date, i.e., until: 15th July 2011		
4.1(b)	<i>Bid Bond: The original proposal shall contain a Bid Bond of NRs. 12,500.00 (Nepalese Twelve thousand and five hundred Only) issued by a reputed commercial bank in format given in Annex-1, with validity of 90 days from the closing date of proposal.</i>		
4.3	<p>Consultants must submit an original and one additional copies of each proposal.</p> <p>The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a wax sealed envelope clearly marked “Technical Proposal,” and the original and all copies of the Financial Proposal in a wax sealed envelope clearly marked “Financial Proposal” and warning: “Do Not Open with the Technical Proposal.”</p> <p>Both envelopes shall be placed into an outer envelope and wax sealed clearly marked with “DO NOT OPEN, EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.”</p>		
4.4	<p>The proposal submission address:</p> <p>Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA), 5th Floor, Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.</p> <p>Information on the outer envelope should also include : Proposals for Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centres</p>		
4.5	Proposals must be submitted no later than: 17th April, 2011, 1500 Hrs		
5.1	<p>The address to send information to the Client is:</p> <p>Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA), 5th Floor, Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.</p>		
5.3	<p>The number of points to be given under each of the evaluation criteria are:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">(i) Specific experience of the consultants related to the assignment</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;"><u>Points</u> 10</td> </tr> </table>	(i) Specific experience of the consultants related to the assignment	<u>Points</u> 10
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 marks for accomplishment of each Impact assessment of ICT related projects and not exceeding a total of 10 marks. <p>(ii) Adequacy of the proposed work plan and methodology in responding to the Terms of Reference 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Methodology proposed -15 Organizing and staffing - 10 Detail Work Plan - 5</p> <p>(iii) Qualifications and competence of the key staff for the Assignment 60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team Leader – 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qualification – 6 marks for Bachelor’s degree and 2 marks for additional degree, total marks not exceeding 10. (ii) General Work Experience – 0.5 marks for each year of working experience and total mark not exceeding 5. (iii) Specific Expertise – 2 marks for completion of each ICT related similar assignments and total marks not exceeding 10. (iv) Experience of working in the capacity of team leader – 1 marks for each assignment as team leader and total marks not exceeding 5. ▪ Team Members – 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qualification – 6 marks for Bachelor’s degree and 2 marks for additional degree, total marks not exceeding 10. (ii) General Work Experience – 0.5 marks for each year of working experience and total mark not exceeding 5. (iii) Specific Experience – 2 marks for completion of each ICT related similar assignments and total marks not exceeding 10. (iv) Experience of working in the capacity of team leader or project associate – 1 marks for each assignment as team leader or project associate and total marks not exceeding 5. <p style="text-align: right;">Total Points: 100</p> <p>The minimum technical score required to pass: 60</p> <p>Note: As per clause 5.10, the financial proposals of the consultants who have secured minimum pass mark of 60 in technical proposal will only be opened and the least cost proposal shall be invited for negotiation.</p>
5.8	The fixed budget ceiling for assignment is: Not Applicable.
5.10	The formula for determining the financial scores is the following: Not Applicable.
6.1	The address for negotiations is: Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA), 5th Floor, Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.
7.3 (b)	Performance Guarantee: Before signing of the contract, the consultant shall submit a Performance

	<i>Guarantee equivalent to 5% of the contract amount from reputed commercial bank. The format of such Performance Guarantee is given in Annex-2. The validity of performance guarantee shall be of One year.</i>
7.6	The assignment is expected to commence on 16 th May,2011. at NTA

Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms

- 3A. Technical Proposal submission form.
- 3B. Consultant's references.
- 3C. Comments and suggestions of consultants on the Terms of Reference and on data, services, and facilities to be provided by the Client.
- 3D. Description of the methodology and work plan for performing the assignment.
- 3E. Team composition and task assignments.
- 3F. Format of curriculum vitae (CV) for proposed professional staff.
- 3G. Time schedule for professional personnel.
- 3H. Activity (work) schedule.

3A. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[Location, Date]

To: Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA),
Bluestar Office Complex, Tripurehwor,
Kathmandu, Nepal.

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for **Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centers** in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, i.e., before [Date] we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff. Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Consultant:
Address:

3B. CONSULTANT’S REFERENCES

Relevant Services Carried Out in the Last Five Years That Best Illustrate Qualifications

Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your Consultant/entity, either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, was legally contracted.

Assignment Name:		Country:
Location within Country:		Professional Staff Provided by Your Consultant/Entity(profiles):
Name of Client:		No.of Staff:
Address:		No.of Staff-Months; Duration of Assignment:
Start Date (Month/Year):	Completion Date (Month/Year):	Approx. Value of Services NRs
Name of Associated Consultants, If Any:		No.of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants:
Name of Senior Staff, Designation (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader etc.) Involved and Functions Performed:		
Narrative Description of Project: :(Actual assignment, nature of activities performed and location)		
Description of Actual Services Provided by Your Staff:		

Consultant’s Name: _____

Note: *For evidence of completion of the above mentioned assignment, the applicant has to submit evidence or accomplishment/appreciation letter from the concerned organization or a copy of the same attested by registered notary public.*

3C. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CONSULTANTS ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ON DATA, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT

On the Terms of Reference:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

On the data, services, and facilities to be provided by the Client:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3D. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE ASSIGNMENT

[Technical approach/methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. You are suggested to present your Technical Proposal (about 20 pages, inclusive of charts and diagrams) divided into the following three chapters:

- a) *Technical Approach/Methodology,*
- b) *Work Plan, and*
- c) *Organization and Staffing,*

a) Technical Approach/Methodology: *In this chapter you should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.*

b) Work Plan: *In this chapter you should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach/methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form 3H.*

c) Organization and Staffing: *In this chapter you should propose the structure and composition of your team. You should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.*

3E. TEAM COMPOSITION AND TASK ASSIGNMENTS

1. Technical/Managerial Staff		
Name	Position	Task

2. Support Staff		
Name	Position	Task

3F. FORMAT OF CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FOR PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Proposed Position: _____

Name of Consultant: _____

Name of Staff: _____

Profession: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Years with Consultant/Entity: _____ Nationality: _____

Membership in Professional Societies: _____

Detailed Tasks Assigned: _____

Key Qualifications:

[Give an outline of staff member's experience and training most pertinent to tasks on assignment. Describe degree of responsibility held by staff member on relevant previous assignments and give dates and locations. Use about half a page.]

Education:

[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees obtained. Use about one quarter of a page.]

Employment Record:

[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organizations, titles of positions held, and locations of assignments. For experience in last ten years, also give types of activities performed and client references, where appropriate. Use about two pages.]

Languages:

[For each language indicate proficiency: excellent, good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing.]

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience. **(Original, Signed with blue ink)**

[Signature of staff member and authorized representative of the consultant] Date: _____
Day/Month/Year

Full name of staff member: _____

Full name of authorized representative: _____

3H. ACTIVITY (WORK) SCHEDULE

A. Field Investigation and Study Items

	<i>[1st, 2nd, etc. are months from the start of assignment.]</i>												
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Activity (Work)													

B. Completion and Submission of Reports

Reports	Date
1. Inception Report	
2. Interim Assessment Report	
3. Final Report	

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

- 4A. Financial Proposal submission form
- 4B. Summary of costs
- 4C. Breakdown of price per activity
- 4D. Breakdown of remuneration per activity – ***Not Applicable***
- 4E. Reimbursable per activity – ***Not Applicable***
- 4F. Miscellaneous expenses – ***Not Applicable***

4A. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[Location, Date]

To: Nepal Telecommunications Authority,
Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor,
Kathmandu, Nepal

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for **Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centers** in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Date] and our Proposal (Technical and Financial Proposals). Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Amount in words and figures]. This amount is inclusive of the local taxes except Value Added Tax (VAT), which we have estimated at [Amount(s) in words and figures].

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e., [Date].

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Consultant:
Address:

4B. SUMMARY OF COSTS

Costs	Amount(s)
Subtotal	
Total without VAT	
Value Added Tax	_____
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	_____

Note: If the number of ICT centres to be visited changes due to unavoidable circumstances, the payment shall be made in pro rata basis only upon the approval by NTA.

4C. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE PER ACTIVITY

Activity No.: _____	Description: _____
Price Component	Amount(s)
Remuneration	
Reimbursables	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	_____

Note: Here, the Activity refers to on-site visit as well as all the activities related impact assessment of each Public ICT Access Centre.

4D. BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION PER ACTIVITY

Activity No. _____		Name: _____		
Names	Position	Input	Remuneration Rate (Rs.)	Amount
Regular staff				
Local staff				
Consultants				
Grand Total				_____

4E. REIMBURSABLES PER ACTIVITY

Activity No: _____

Name: _____

No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price In Rs.	Total Amount In Rs.
1.	Air flights _____	Trip			
2.	_____	Trip			
3.	Miscellaneous travel expenses	Day			
4.	Subsistence allowance				
5.	Local transportation costs				
	Office rent/accommodation/ clerical assistance				
	Grand Total				_____

4F. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Activity No. _____

Activity Name: _____

No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Rate	Total Amount
1	Communication cost between _____ and _____ (telephone, telegram, telex, email				
2	Drafting, reproduction of reports				
3	Equipment: vehicles, computers, etc.				
4	Software				
	Grand Total				

Section 5. Terms of Reference

For Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centers

a) Background

Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) in partnering with four organizations set up 58 Public ICT Access Centers in rural and peri-urban areas of 26 districts. NTA signed MOU with partnering organizations to establish these centers. Different models with differing equipment requirement have been used. Some centers are community based whereas some are school based. Similarly, some centers need computers, printers and radio equipment whereas some needs computers, printers and photocopy machines only (i.e. no radio equipment). These centers are managed and owned by the community. The partnering agencies are playing significant role for the smooth operation and sustainability of these centers.

These centers have been established with the objective of providing easy access to information and communication services such as telephone, fax, internet, email, computer training, tele-medicine, tele-education, e-commerce etc. in the rural and peri-urban areas of Nepal. It is expected that the establishment of these centers will contribute towards the empowerment of the community, promotion of good governance through the participation of communities and ultimately reduction in poverty improving the livelihood of the rural people. The Telecommunication Policy 2060 (2004) has also clearly set an objective of making an arrangement for providing opportunity to use appropriate information and communication technology for poverty alleviation and development of the rural areas.

For effective service delivery and efficient management, prior to the service delivery, two-week long operational/management as well as computer training have been provided to the Public ICT center operators/managers as well as to the leaders of the community centers. To financially support the operation of these centers, NTA had provided a sum of Rs. 48000.00 to each centre.

b) Objective

As it has been reported by the partnering agencies that all the centers have been established and are in operation, NTA intends to appoint a Consultant who will visit all 58 centers in all the 26 districts and assess the status and impact of these centers in the community, evaluate the success/failures of the models and identify any issues/challenges in their operation/sustainability.

c) Scope of Work/Services

To accomplish above objective, the Consultant shall visit the sites and shall:

- (i) Make an assessment of frequency of usage of the centers by the community to demonstrate their growing popularity or otherwise. Also, analyze the usage of these centers as per different age groups, and also by profession.
- (ii) Make an analysis of any behavioral changes in the community brought about by these centers.
- (iii) Make an assessment of any increase in economic activity of the community as a result of usage of any of the ICT applications, like e-government, e-education, e-health, e-agriculture, e-business etc.
- (iv) Make an assessment of contribution made by the centers in reduction of poverty levels of the community through changes brought about in the farming activities, and non-farming activities etc..
- (v) In line with the social and financial sustainability indicators for such centers established internationally, evaluate success of these centers and make an educated projection of the long-term sustainability of each of these through in-depth surveys or interviews with community people and analyze the success factors, particularly relating to catering to local requirements. Study shall examine all aspects of sustainability, e.g., financial sustainability, sustaining staff capability, sustaining community acceptance, sustaining service delivery.
- (vi) Study and analyze the sustainability of the different models used for the operation of these centers. Also, analyze suitability of locations and the ICT equipment provided to them.
- (vii) Identify the challenges and problems encountered by these centers. List the Lessons learnt, and failures to be avoided in future projects.

Thus, the Consultant will identify problems/issues hindering the smooth operation of the centers, if any. The Report to be submitted to the NTA at the end of the assignment is expected to concentrate on successes/failures of the centers, analysis of impact of the centers on the communities, for example, on their habits on using ICT and other indicators deemed appropriate by the consultant.

d) Qualification and Experiences

The Consultant or Consulting Firm must have necessary expertise to complete the assignment on time. **The consulting firm** is expected to have previous practical experience of **at least two years** in carrying out such activity. The consultant team should consist at least the followings:

- (i) **Team Leader:**
 - A minimum of Bachelor's Degree or equivalent
 - A minimum of 3 years of professional experience in the related field
 - Completion of at least 2 similar assignments
- (ii) **Team Members:**
 - A minimum of Bachelor's Degree or equivalent

- A minimum of 2 years of professional experience in the related field
- Completion of at least 1 similar assignments

The team should comprise at least two persons and must be from at least two different fields i.e. from the fields of

- (i) Social Sciences/Economics/Statistics and
- (ii) Telecommunications/IT

e) Duration of Services, Time Schedule

It is estimated that the study shall consist the following five phases:

- (i) **Inception Phase: 2 weeks,**
- (ii) **First field visit of the 50% of centers : 12 weeks,**
- (iii) **Submission of First field visit assessment report: 2 weeks,**
- (iv) **Second field visit of the remaining 50% of centers: 12 Weeks**
- (v) **Submission of Final Report: 2 weeks**

This assignment should be completed **within 30 weeks** from the date of signing of the contract.

The detail list of ICT Centres along with location address of the centres is given in Annex-3.

f) Deliverables or Reporting Requirements

The following will be the deliverables of this study:

- (i) ***Two printed copies of Inception Report*** and a softcopy describing the methodology, detailed responsibilities, deliverables and schedule of activities to carry out the impact assessment and seeking approval and comments from NTA, if any has to be submitted to NTA ***within 2 weeks*** of the signing of the contract. NTA shall provide its comments, if any, and approve the inception report ***within 1 week*** after receiving it.
- (ii) ***Two printed copies of the first field visit assessment report*** and a softcopy has to be submitted ***by end of 16th week***, after signing of the contract.
- (iii) ***Two printed copies of the final report*** and a softcopy has to be submitted ***by end of 30th week*** after completion of second field visit.

g) Payment Schedule

S. N.	Activities	Payment
1	Submission of the Inception Report	10%
2	Submission of <i>the First field visit assessment report</i> after monitoring of the 50% of total sites	40%
3	Submission of the <i>Final Report</i> after monitoring of the remaining 50% sites	50%

h) Selection Criteria

The consultant shall be selected using ***Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS) Method.***

Section 6. Standard Form of Contract

Contract (Lump sum) for Consultant Services
For
Impact Assessment of Public ICT Access Centers

Between

Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA)
Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal

And

[Name of the Consultants]

Dated:

I. Form of Contract

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the "Contract") is made on the *[day]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[name of client]* (hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, *[name of consultants]* (hereinafter called the "Consultants").

[Note: *If the Consultants consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: "..... (hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, a joint venture consisting of the following entities, each of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultants' obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of consultants]* and *[name of consultants]* (hereinafter called the "Consultants").]*

WHEREAS

- (a) the Client has requested the Consultants to provide certain consulting services as defined in the General Conditions of Contract attached to this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");
- (b) the Consultants, having represented to the Client that they have the required professional skills, and personnel and technical resources, have agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:

- (a) The General Conditions of Contract;
- (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
- (c) The following Appendices: **[Note:** *If any of these Appendices are not used, the words "Not Used" should be inserted below next to the title of the Appendix and on the sheet attached hereto carrying the title of that Appendix.]*

- Appendix A: Description of the Services
- Appendix B: Reporting Requirement
- Appendix C: Key Personnel and Sub-Consultants
- Appendix D: Duties of the Client
- Appendix E: Cost Estimates in Local Currency
- Appendix F: Form of Guarantee for Advance Payments
- Appendix G: Minutes of Negotiations Meetings

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultants shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:

- (a) the Consultants shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
- (b) the Client shall make payments to the Consultants in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[name of client]*

[Authorized Representative]

For and on behalf of *[name of consultants]*

[Authorized Representative]

[Note: *If the Consultants consist of more than one entity, all these entities should appear as signatories, e.g., in the following manner:]*

For and on behalf of each of the Members of the Consultants

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

II. General Conditions of Contract

1. General Provisions

- 1.1 Definitions** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
- “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Nepal, as they may be issued and in force from time to time;
- “Government” means Government of Nepal.
- “Contract” means the Contract signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are attached, together with all the documents listed in Clause 1 of such signed Contract;
- “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 2.1;
- “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract;
- “Donor” means the organization offering loan, credit or grant to GoN
- “Local Currency” means the currency of the Government;
- “Member,” in case the Consultants consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, means any of these entities; and “Members” means all these entities;
- “Party” means the Client or the Consultants, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them;
- “Personnel” means persons hired by the Consultants or by any Subconsultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof; “Foreign Personnel” means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside Nepal; “Local Personnel” means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile inside Nepal; and “Key Personnel” means the Personnel referred to in Clause GCC 4.2(a);
- “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented;
- “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultants pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto;
- “Subconsultant” means any person or entity to whom/which the Consultants subcontract any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of Clause GCC 3.7;
- “Third Party” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultants or a Subconsultant.
- 1.2 Relation between the Parties** Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultants. The Consultants, subject to this Contract, have complete charge of Personnel and Subconsultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.
- 1.3 Law Governing** This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law of

Contract	Nepal.
1.4 Language	This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
1.5 Headings	The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
1.6 Notices	<p>1.6.1 Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.</p> <p>1.6.2 Notice will be deemed to be effective as specified in the SCC.</p> <p>1.6.3 A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC with respect to Clause GCC 1.6.2.</p>
1.7 Location	The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix A hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in Nepal or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.
1.8 Authority of Member Charge	In case the Consultants consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, the Members hereby authorize the entity specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultants' rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.
1.9 Authorized Representatives	Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Client or the Consultants may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.
1.10 Taxes and Duties	Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Consultants, Subconsultants and Personnel shall pay such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law.

2. Commencement, Completion, Modification and Termination of Contract

2.1 Effectiveness of Contract	This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Client's notice to the Consultants instructing the Consultants to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.
2.2 Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective	If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of the Contract signed by the Parties as shall be specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.

2.3 Commencement of Services The Consultants shall begin carrying out the Services at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as shall be specified in the SCC.

2.4 Expiration of Contract Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 2.9 hereof, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as shall be specified in the SCC.

2.5 Variation Variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for variation made by the other Party.

2.6 Force Majeure

2.6.1 Definition For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.

Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Subconsultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

2.6.2 No Breach of Contract The failure of a Party to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

2.6.3 Measures to be Taken A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfil its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.

A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the

consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

2.6.4 Extension of Time (EoT)

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure or Client's failure to provide facilities in time as per the contract

The Consultant shall submit an application to the Client for extension of time, stating the causes for delay with supporting evidence within 7 days before the expiry of the Contract completion date. The approval of EoT shall be subject to verification by the Client whether:

- a. the consultant had made the best possible efforts to complete the work in due time ,
- b. the facilities to be provided by the Client as per the contract to the Consultant was made in time or not,
- c. the delay was as a result of Force Majeure or not.

2.6.5 Consultation

Not later than thirty (30) days after the Consultants, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, have become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

2.7 Suspension

The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultants, suspend all payments to the Consultants hereunder if the Consultants fail to perform any of their obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultants to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultants of such notice of suspension.

2.8 Termination

2.8.1 By the Client

The Client may, by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the Consultants. (except in the event listed in paragraph (f) below, for which there shall be a written notice of not less than sixty (60) days), such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this Clause GCC 2.8.1, terminate this Contract:

if the Consultants fail to remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause 2.8 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Client may have subsequently approved in writing;

if the Consultants become (or, if the Consultants consist of more than one entity, if any of their Members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;

if the Consultants fail to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof;

if the Consultants submit to the Client a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Client and which the Consultants know to be false;

if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or

if the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract.

if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Client, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purpose of this clause:

“corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution.

“fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client, and includes collusive practice among consultants (prior to or after submission of proposals) designed to establish prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Client of the benefits of free and open competition.

2.8.2 By the Consultants

The Consultants may, by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the Client, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause GC 2.8.2, terminate this Contract:

if the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultants pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Consultants that such payment is overdue;

if the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultants may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultants' notice specifying such breach;

if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or

if the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof.

2.8.3 Cessation of Rights and Obligations

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 2.2 or GCC 2.9 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 2.4 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 3.3 hereof, (iii) the Consultants' obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 3.6(ii) hereof, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

2.8.4 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 2.9.1 or GCC 2.9.2 hereof, the Consultants shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultants and equipment and

materials furnished by the Client, the Consultants shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 3.9 or GCC 3.10 hereof.

2.8.5 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 2.8.1 or GCC 2.9.2 hereof, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultants:

- a. remuneration pursuant to Clause GCC 6 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- b. reimbursable expenditures pursuant to Clause GCC 6 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- c. except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (d) of Clause GCC 2.8.1 hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

2.8.6 Disputes about Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of Clause GCC 2.8.1 or in Clause GCC 2.9.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, shall settle the dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 8 hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

3. Obligations of the Consultants

3.1 General

3.1.1 Standard of Performance

The Consultants shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultants shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with Subconsultants or Third Parties.

3.1.2 Law Governing Services

The Consultants shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Subconsultants, as well as the Personnel of the Consultants and any Subconsultants, comply with the Applicable Law. The Client shall notify the Consultants in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultants shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

3.1.3 Application of Procurement Law

If the Consultants, as part of the Services, have the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultants shall comply with any applicable procurement guidelines as per the prevailing Public Procurement Act and Regulations of the GoN (or of the Donors/funding agencies) and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultants in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall

be for the account of the Client.

3.2 Conflict of Interests

3.2.1 Consultants Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.

The remuneration of the Consultants pursuant to Clause GC 6 hereof shall constitute the Consultants' sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, subject to Clause GCC 3.2.2 hereof, the Consultants shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Consultants shall use their best efforts to ensure that any Subconsultants, as well as the Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

3.2.2 Consultants and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities

The Consultants agree that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultants and any entity affiliated with the Consultants, as well as any Subconsultant and any entity affiliated with such Subconsultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

3.2.3 Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

The Consultants shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Subconsultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

- a. during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in Nepal which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; and
- b. after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC.

3.3 Confidentiality

The Consultants, their Subconsultants, and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term of within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract, or the Client's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Client.

3.4 Liability of the Consultants

Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultants' liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the Applicable Law.

3.5 Insurance to be Taken Out by the Consultants

The Consultants (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Subconsultants to take out and maintain, at their (or the Subconsultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverages, as shall be specified in the SCC, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid.

3.6 Accounting, Inspection and Auditing

The Consultants (i) shall keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services hereunder, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such form and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time changes and costs, and the bases thereof (including such bases as may be

specifically referred to in the SCC), and (ii) shall permit the Client or its designated representative periodically, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Contract, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client and, where applicable

- 3.7 Consultants' Actions Requiring Client's Prior Approval** The Consultants shall obtain the Client's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:
- a. appointing such members of the Personnel as are listed in Appendix C merely by title but not by name;
 - b. entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services, it being understood (i) that the selection of the Subconsultant and the terms and conditions of the subcontract shall have been approved in writing by the Client prior to the execution of the subcontract, and (ii) that the Consultants shall remain fully liable for the performance of the Services by the Subconsultant and its Personnel pursuant to this Contract;
 - c. any other action that may be specified in the SCC.
- 3.8 Reporting Obligations** The Consultants shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in Appendix B hereto, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 3.9 Documents Prepared by the Consultants to be the Property of the Client** All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software prepared by the Consultants for the Client under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the Client, and the Consultants shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultants may retain a copy of such documents and software. Restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.
- 3.10 Equipment and Materials Furnished by the Client** Equipment and materials made available to the Consultants by the Client, or purchased by the Consultants with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultants shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultants, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

4. Consultants' Personnel and Subconsultant

- 4.1 General** The Consultants shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel and Subconsultants as are required to carry out the Services.
- 4.2 Description of** a. The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and

Personnel

estimated period of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of each of the Consultants' Key Personnel are described in Appendix C. If any of the Key Personnel has already been approved by the Client, his/her name is listed as well.

- b. If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 3.1.1 hereof, adjustments with respect to the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix C may be made by the Consultants by written notice to the Client, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the originally estimated period of engagement of any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger, and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) of this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Client's written approval.
- c. If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in Appendix A, the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix C may be increased by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultants, provided that any such increase shall not, except as otherwise agreed in writing, cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) of this Contract.

4.3 Approval of Personnel

The Key Personnel and Subconsultants listed by title as well as by name in Appendix C are hereby approved by the Client. In respect of other Key Personnel which the Consultants propose to use in the carrying out of the Services, the Consultants shall submit to the Client for review and approval a copy of their biographical data. If the Client does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of receipt of such biographical data .

4.4 Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel

- a. Except as the Client may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultants, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Personnel, the Consultants shall forthwith provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.
- b. If the Client (i) finds that any of the Personnel has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or (ii) has reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then the Consultants shall, at the Client's written request specifying the grounds therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Client.

- c. Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under Clauses (a) and (b) above, the rate of remuneration applicable to such person as well as any reimbursable expenditures (including expenditures due to the number of eligible dependents) the Consultants may wish to claim as a result of such replacement, shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Client. Except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultants shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Personnel provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Personnel replaced.

5. Obligations of the Client

- 5.1 **Access to Site** The Client warrants that the Consultants shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to all sites in Nepal in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. .
- 5.2 **Change in the Applicable Law** If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultants in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultants under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 6.1(b).
- 5.3 **Services, Facilities and Property of the Client** The Client shall make available to the Consultants and the Personnel, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in Appendix D at the times and in the manner specified in said Appendix D, provided that if such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultants as and when so specified, the Parties shall agree on (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultants for the performance of the Services, (ii) the manner in which the Consultants shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultants as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 6.1(c) hereinafter.
- 5.4 **Payment** In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultants under this Contract, the Client shall make to the Consultants such payments and in such manner as is provided by Clause GCC 6 of this Contract.

6. Payments to The Consultants

- 6.1 **Cost Estimates; Ceiling Amount**
 - a. An estimate of the cost of the Services payable in local currency is set forth in Appendix E.
 - b. Except as may be otherwise agreed under Clause GCC 2.6 and subject to Clause GCC 6.1(c), payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in local currency specified in the SCC. The Consultants shall notify the Client as soon as cumulative charges incurred for the Services have reached 80% of either of these ceilings.

- c. Notwithstanding Clause GCC 6.1(b) hereof, if pursuant to any of the Clauses GCC 5.3 or 5.4 hereof, the Parties shall agree that additional payments in local and/or foreign currency, as the case may be, shall be made to the Consultants in order to cover any necessary additional expenditures not envisaged in the cost estimates referred to in Clause GCC 6.1(a) above, the ceiling or ceilings, as the case may be, set forth in Clause GCC 6.1(b) above shall be increased by the amount or amounts, as the case may be, of any such additional payments.

6.2 Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditures

- a. Remuneration for the Personnel shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by such Personnel in the performance of the Services after the date determined in accordance with Clause GCC 2.3 and Clause SCC 2.3 (or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing) (including time for necessary travel via the most direct route) at the rates referred to, and subject to such additional provisions as are set forth, in the SCC.
- b. Reimbursable expenditures actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultants in the performance of the Services, as specified in Clause SCC 6.3.

6.3 Currency of Payment

All payments to the Consultant for the performance of the services shall be made in the currency of the GoN.

6.4 Mode of Billing and Payment

Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

- a. The Client shall cause to be paid to the Consultants an advance payment as specified in the SCC, and as otherwise set forth below. The advance payment will be due after provision by the Consultants to the Client of a bank guarantee by a bank acceptable to the Client in an amount specified in the SCC, such bank guarantee (i) to remain effective additional one month after the advance payment has been fully set off as provided in the SCC, and (ii) to be in the form set forth in Appendix I hereto or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing.
- b. As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services or on completion of the task on which the payment is based, the Consultants shall submit to the Client, in duplicate, itemized statements, accompanied by copies of receipted invoices, vouchers and other appropriate supporting materials, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 6.3 and 6.4 for such month or completed task.

The invoice format shall be as agreed between the client and the consultants.

- c. The Client shall cause the payment of the Consultants' monthly statements less retention money 5% within *thirty (30)* days after the receipt by the Client of such statements with supporting documents. Only such portion of a monthly statement that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorised to be incurred by the Consultants, the Client may add or subtract

the difference from any subsequent payments. Interest at the annual rate specified in the SCC shall become payable as from the above due date on any amount due by, but not paid on, such due date.

- d. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report and a final statement, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultants and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client and the final report and final statement shall be deemed approved by the Client as satisfactory *forty-five (45)* calendar days after receipt of the final report and final statement by the Client unless the Client, within such *forty-five (45)* day period, gives written notice to the Consultants specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final statement. The Consultants shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and upon completion of such corrections, the foregoing process shall be repeated. Any amount which the Client has paid or caused to be paid in accordance with this Clause in excess of the amounts actually payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultants to the Client within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultants of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within *ninety (90) calendar days* after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final statement approved by the Client in accordance with the above.
- e. All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

6.5 Retention

- a. The Client shall retain from each payment due to the Contractor the proportion stated in the SCC until Completion of the whole of the Works.
- b. One half of the retention shall be repaid by the Client to the consultant at the time of the payment of the Final Bill pursuant to GCC Clause 6.4 (d)
- c. The remainder of the retention shall be paid by the Client to the consultant within 15 days after submission of an evidence document issued by the concerned Internal Revenue Office that the consultant has submitted his Income Returns.

6.6 Liquidated Damages

The Consultant shall pay liquidated damages to the Client at the rate per day stated in the SCC for each day that the completion services are later than the Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount defined in the SCC. Beyond this limit the contract may be terminated by the Client. The Client may deduct liquidated damages from any payments due to the Consultant. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Consultant's liabilities.

7. Fairness and Good Faith

- 7.1 Good Faith** The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.
- 7.2 Operation of the Contract** The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with Clause GCC 8 hereof.

8. Settlement of Disputes

- 8.1 Amicable Settlement** The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the interpretation thereof.
- 8.2 Dispute Settlement** Any dispute between the Parties as to matters arising pursuant to this Contract which cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement may be referred to the Adjudicator by either Party within 15 days after the amicable settlement period of 30 days.
- 8.3. Appointment of the Adjudicator**
- a. The Adjudicator, shall be appointed jointly by the Client and the Consultant within 30 days of the commencement date of the contract. If the parties cannot reach an agreement on the appointment of the Adjudicator, the Client will request the Appointing Authority designated in the SCC, to appoint the Adjudicator within 15 days of receipt of such request.
 - b. Should the Adjudicator resign or die, or should the Client and the Consultant agree that the Adjudicator is not functioning in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, a new Adjudicator shall be jointly appointed by the Client and the Consultant. In case of disagreement between the Client and the Consultant, within 30 days, the Adjudicator shall be designated by the Appointing Authority at the request of either party, within 15 days of receipt of such request.
- 8.4. Procedures for Disputes**
- a. If a dispute is referred to the Adjudicator pursuant to GCC Clause 8,2 then the the Adjudicator shall give a decision in writing within 30 days of receipt of a reference of the dispute.
 - b. The Adjudicator shall be paid by the hour at the rate specified in the SCC, together with reimbursable expenses of the types specified in the SCC, and the cost shall be divided equally between the Client and the Consultant, whatever decision is reached by the Adjudicator. Either party may refer a decision

of the Adjudicator to an Arbitrator within 30 days of the Adjudicator's written decision. If neither party refers the dispute to arbitration within the above 30 days, the Adjudicator's decision will be final and binding.

- c. In case of arbitration, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedures published by Nepal Council of Arbitration .

9. Remedies for Breach of Contract

Without prejudice to ny other right of the Client under this Contract, the remedies available to the Client in the event of breach of the Contract by the Consultant are as follows:

- a. rejection of defective performance,
- b. prompt replacement and correction of defective services,
- c. application of liquidated damages for delay as per the provision of the Contract,
- d. termination of the contract and correction of the services, not performed as per the requirement of the contract, at the expense of the consultant,
- e. recovery for consequential damages;
- f. such other remedies as may be available pursuant to the contract or to applicable law.

10. Conduct of Consultants

10.1 The Consultant shall be responsible to fulfil his obligations as per the requirement of the Contract Agreement, RFP documents and GoN's Procurement Act and Regulations.

10.2 The consultant shall not carry out or cause to carryout the following acts with an intention to influence the implementation of the procurement process or the contract agreement :

- h. give or propose improper inducement directly or indirectly,
- i. distortion or misrepresentation of facts
- j. engaging or being involved in corrupt or fraudulent practice
- k. Interference in participation of other prospective bidders.
- l. coercion or threatening directly or indirectly to impair or harm, any party or the property of the party involved in the procurement proceeding
- m. collusive practice among consultants before or after submission of proposals for distribution of works among consultants or fixing artificial/uncompetitive proposal price with an intention to deprive the Client the benefit of open competitive proposal price.

n. contacting the Client with an intention to influence the Client with regards to the proposals or interference of any kind in examination and evaluation of the proposals during the period after opening of proposals up to the notification of award of contract

**11.Blacklisting
Consultant**

11.1 Without prejudice to any other right of the Client under this Contract, Public Procurement Monitoring Office may blacklist a Consultant for his conduct up to three years on the following grounds and seriousness of the act committed by the consultant without prejudice to any other rights of the Client under rights under this Contract:

- g) if it is proved that the bidder committed acts pursuant to the Information to Consultants GCC 10.2,
- h) if the consultant fails to sign an agreement pursuant to Information to Consultants clause 7.3,
- i) if it is proved later that the consultant has committed substantial defect in implementation of the contract or has not substantially fulfilled his obligations under the contract or the completed work is not of the specified quality as per the contract ,
- j) if convicted by a court of law in a criminal offence which disqualifies the bidder from participating in the contract.

11.2 A Consultant declared blacklisted and ineligible by the Public procurement Office and or concerned Donor Agency in case of donor funded project shall be ineligible to bid for a contract during the period of time determined by the PPMO and or the concerned donor agency.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

Number of GCC Clause	Amendments Of, And Supplements To, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
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1.6.1	<p>The addresses are :</p> <p>Client: Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) Address: Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu Attention: Chairman, NTA Telephone: 977-1-4101030/31/32 Facsimile: 977-1-4101034 E-mail: ntra@nta.gov.np</p>
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Consultants:
Address:
Attention:
Telephone:
Facsimile:
E-mail:

1.6.2	<p>Notice will be deemed to be effective as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) in the case of personal delivery or registered mail, on delivery;(b) in the case of telexes, <i>[written hours]</i> (<i>[numerical hours]</i>) hours following confirmed transmission;(c) in the case of telegrams, <i>[written hours]</i> (<i>[numerical hours]</i>) hours following confirmed transmission; and(d) in the case of facsimiles, <i>[written hours]</i> (<i>[numerical hours]</i>) hours following confirmed transmission.(e) in case of E-mail, <i>[written hours]</i> (<i>[numerical hours]</i>) hours following confirmed transmission.
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1.8	<p>The Member in Charge is <i>[name of member]</i>.</p> <p>Note: <i>If the Consultants consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, the name of the entity whose address is specified in Clause SCC 1.6.1 should be inserted here. If the Consultants consist only of one entity, this Clause SCC 1.8 should be deleted from the SCC.</i></p>
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1.9	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Client: Mr. Bhesh raj Kanel, Chairman, NTA</p> <p>For the Consultants: _____</p>
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2.2	<p>The time period shall be One Week or such other time period as the parties may agree in writing.</p>
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- 2.3 The time period shall be **One Week** or such other time period as the parties may agree in writing.
- 2.4 The time period shall be **35 Weeks** or such other time period as the parties may agree in writing.
- 3.5 The risks and the coverage shall be as follows:
The accidental insurance of the personnel(s) designated for the assignment and evidence of such insurance should be submitted within seven days after the mobilization of those designated personnel(s).
- “The Consultants shall not use these documents for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client.”
- 6.1 (b)
- The ceiling in local currency is: **NRs 5,00,000.00**
- 6.4(a) The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance payment guarantee: **Not Applicable.**
- 6.4(c) The interest rate is: **Not Applicable.**
- 6.4(e) The account is:
- 6.5 (a) Retention : **5 % of the invoice amount**
- 6.6 Liquidated Damages : **at the rate of 0.05 % of contract price per day to maximum of 10% of the sum stated in the Agreement**
- 8.3 Appointment of the Adjudicator Appointing Authority: **Nepal arbitration Council, NEPCA**
- 8.4(b) The Adjudicator’s rate is: **Not Applicable.**
- 8.4 (c) Disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the following provisions:
1. Selection of Arbitrators.
Each dispute submitted by a Party to arbitration shall be heard by an arbitration panel composed of three arbitrators. The Client and the Consultants shall each appoint one arbitrator, and these two arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel. If the arbitrators named by the Parties do not succeed in appointing a third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the latter of the two arbitrators named by the Parties has been appointed, the third arbitrator shall, at the request of either Party, be appointed by **Nepal Arbitration Council (NEPCA) and the** arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure for arbitration of **NEPCA.**
 2. Substitute Arbitrators. If for any reason an arbitrator is unable to perform his function, a substitute shall be appointed in the

same manner as the original arbitrator.

3. Miscellaneous. In any arbitration proceeding hereunder:
- (a) proceedings shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, be held in ***[insert location]***;
 - (b) the ***[Insert type of language]*** language shall be the official language for all purposes; and
 - (c) the decision of the sole arbitrator or of a majority of the arbitrators (or of the third arbitrator if there is no such majority) shall be final and binding and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the Parties hereby waive any objections to or claims of immunity in respect of such enforcement.

Appendix I — Form of Bank Guarantee for Advance Payments – *Not Applicable*

Note: See Clause GCC 6.4(a) and Clause SCC 6.4(a). The Client should insert here an acceptable form of a bank guarantee. An example is set forth below.

TO: [Name and Address of Client]
[Name of Contract for Consultants' Services]

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Clauses GCC 6.4(a) and SCC 6.4(a) of the above-mentioned Contract (hereinafter called "the Contract"), [name and address of Consultants] (hereinafter called "the Consultants") shall deposit with [name of Client] a bank guarantee to guarantee their proper and faithful performance under the said provisions of the Contract in an amount of [amount of Guarantee], [amount of Guarantee in words].¹

We, the [bank or financial institution], as instructed by the Consultants, agree unconditionally and irrevocably to guarantee as primary obligor and not as Surety merely, the payment to [name of Client] on his first demand without whatsoever right of objection on our part and without his first claim to the Consultants, in the amount not exceeding [amount of Guarantee], [amount of Guarantee in words].

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract which may be made between [name of Client] and the Consultants, shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition or modification.

The validity period of the guarantee shall be 30 days beyond the period scheduled for repayment of the advance payment and the guarantee shall remain valid and in full effect from the date of the advance payment under the Contract until the [name of Client] receives full repayment of the same amount from the Consultant.

Yours truly,

Signature and Seal

Name of Bank/Financial Institution

Address

Date

Appendix J—Minutes of Negotiations Meetings

Append minutes of negotiation meetings if applicable. It is advisable to append minutes where important changes in the scope of work, schedule etc. were made during negotiations.

¹ An amount is to be inserted by the bank or financial institution as specified in Clause SC 6.4(a).

Annex- 1

Bid Bond Form

Ref No:

Date:

The Chairman,
Nepal Telecommunications Authority
GPO Box No. 9754
Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureswor
Kathmandu, Nepal

Whereas [*Name of the consultant*] hereinafter called "The Consultant" has submitted its application dated [*Date*] to [Name of the service] hereinafter called "The SERVICE"

KNOW ALL PEOPLE by these presents that we [*Name of Bank*] of [*Name of country*] having our registered office at [*Address of Bank*] hereinafter called "The BANK" are bound unto Nepal Telecommunications Authority, hereinafter called "The AUTHORITY" by the amount of NRs.....OR US\$.....willingly and truly to be paid out to the said AUTHORITY upon entering any of the conditions specified below. The BANK binds itself, its successors and assigns by these presents sealed with the common seal of the said Bank this day of 2011.

The conditions of this obligation are:-

- (iii) If the CONSULTANT withdraws its application prior to award of contract.
- (iv) If the CONSULTANT, having been notified of the acceptance of application by the AUTHORITY during the period of validity fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Guarantee of the specified amount and correct validity and Letter of Acceptance in accordance with the instructions given in the Letter of Intent issued by the AUTHORITY.
- (v) If the CONSULTANT does not commence its service within 15 (fifteen) days after issuance of the directive to this effect.

We undertake to pay to the AUTHORITY up to the above amount upon receipt of its first written demand without the AUTHORITY having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the AUTHORITY will note that the amount claimed by it is due to the occurrence of one or more of the aforementioned conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

This guarantee will remain valid for 90 (Ninety) days from the closing date of submission of the application (i.e., until, 2011) and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the above date.

Signature and Seal of Bank

Date:

Address:

Annex- 2

Performance Guarantee Form

Ref No:

Date:

To,
The Chairman,
Nepal Telecommunications Authority
GPO Box No. 9754
Bluestar Office Complex, Tripureswor
Kathmandu, Nepal

WHEREAS [*Name of the Consultant*] hereinafter called "The Consultant" has agreed to perform [Name of the service] hereinafter called "The SERVICE" as per the contract hereinafter called "The CONTRACT" to be signed between Nepal Telecommunications Authority hereinafter called "The AUTHORITY" and the CONSULTANT

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the Letter Of Intent submitted by the Authority that the CONSULTANT shall furnish you with a bank guarantee by a reputable bank specified therein as security for compliance with the CONSULTANT's performance obligations in accordance with the said CONTRACT

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the appointed CONSULTANT a guarantee

THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the CONSULTANT, up to a total of Nepalese Rupees.....OR United States dollars..... [*Amount of the Guarantee in words*]. We undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the CONSULTANT to be in default under the CONTRACT and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of [*Amount of Guarantee*] as aforesaid, without you needing to provide or to show grounds our reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee is valid until the..... day of 2011. The total amount of the Performance Guarantee will be released after completion of the assignment stipulated in the CONTRACT:

Signature and Seal of the Guarantors:
Date:
Address:

Annex-3**List of ICT Centres with its detail location address**

In coordination and cooperation with Madan Purasakar Pustakalaya (MPP)	
S.N.	Project Site Name and Address
1.	Kali Devi Lower Secondary School, Naubise-7, Dhading
2.	Bhanu Lower Secondary School, Kal Bhairav-2 Dailekh
3.	Nava Jagriti Primary School, Handi Khola- 5, Makawanpur
4.	Bal Jagriti Primary School, Pulachaur-9, Myagdi
5.	Panchakoshi Jwala Secondary School, Gamaudi-4, Dailekh
6.	Pashupati Lower Secondary School, Handikhola-7, Makawanpur
7.	Jana Jagriti Primary School, Gogan Pani- 5, Dhading
8.	Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Pulachaur- 4, Myagdi
9.	Basanta Secondary School, Kimugaon, Narayan Municipality 1, Dailekh
10.	Bhoj Siddha Secondary School, Handikhola-8, Makawanpur
11.	Beni Community School, Arthunge-1, Myagdi
12.	Janta Lower Secondary School, Narayan Municipality-2, Dailekh
13.	Bhuvaneshwori Secondary School, Jeevanpur-9, Dhading
14.	Mukti Dham Secondary School, Bhagawoti-6, Myagdi
15.	Nyacho Pauwa Primary School, Changunarayan VDC, Ward no .3, Bhaktapur
16.	Naya Gaon Secondary School, Naya Gaon, Butwal – 14
In coordination and cooperation with Synergy Nepal	
S.N.	Project Site Name and Address
1.	Organization for Community Child and Environment Development (OCCED), Mahendranagar-18, Kanchanpur
2.	Shree Birendra Uchcha Higher Secondary School, Banphikot, Rukum
3.	Mukti Higher Secondary School, Ratamata, Pyuthan
4.	Harisiddhi Uchcha Madhyamik Bidyalaya, Kakling, Thulopakhar, Sindhupalchowk
5.	Sital Nepal, Chutrabasi, Sandhikharka, Argghakhanchi
6.	Dalit Janajati Utthan Kendra, NGO, Kohalbi Kevalpur, Bara

7.	Jyoti Higher Secondary School, Kebalpur, PanditPauwa, Ward no. 1, Dhading
8.	Mankha Organic Agriculture Cooperative Limited, Khadichaur, Sindhupalchowk
9.	Jagat Sir Memorial Trust, Thecho, Lalitpur
10.	Book Bank Nepal, Bamgha VDC, Ranibas, Gulmi
11.	Rolpa Community Information Centre, Liwang VDC-6, Rolpa;
12.	Ghoda Gaun Public Information and Communication Service Center, Ghoda Gaun, Rolpa
13.	Suryodaya Public Information and Communication Service Center, Mijing VDC-7, Sulichaur, Rolpa

In coordination and cooperation with Himanchal Higher Secondary School (HSS)

S.N.	Project Site Name and Address
1.	Kindu Primary School, Myagdi
2.	Prithvi High School Harichour, Baglung
3.	Bhuka High School, Parbat
4.	Annapurna High School, Siklis, Kaski
5.	Dana High School, Myagdi
6.	Kailash High School, Doba Myagdi
7.	Bajaya Bahbani High School, Makiaising, Gorakha
8.	Gadpar Primary School, Myagdi
9.	Drabya Shah High School, Gorkha
10.	Dhairing High School, Parbat
11.	Banahaun High School, Parbat
12.	Tikhe Dunga Lower Secondary School, Kaski
13.	Jyoti Higher Secondary School Harna Madi, Makawanpur
14.	Mahendra High School, Baglung
15.	Barpak High School, Gorakha
16.	Bagbhairab Primary School Shikharpur, Makawanpur
17.	Bharat Pokhari High School, Kaski
18.	Bhurung Lower Secondary School, Myagdi
19.	Lamagaun High School, Tanahun

In coordination and cooperation with Mercantile Communications and Winrock Int'l Nepal

S.N.	Project Site Name and Address
1.	Mustang, Lo Manthang (VDC) (Radio Site)
2.	Baglung, Dagathum Dada (VDC) (VSAT Site)

3	Jumla, Chandanath (VDC) (VSAT Site)
4	Jumla, Chandanath (VDC) (Radio Site)
5	Dadeldhura, Bagarkot (VDC) (VSAT Site)
6	Dadeldhura, Bagarkot (VDC) (Radio Site)
7	Illam, Singpring (VDC) (VSAT Site)
8	Tashi Communication Center, (VSAT Site), Simikot, Humla
9	Dolpo, Dunai (VDC) (Radio Site)
10	Dhading, Budathum (VDC) (VSAT Site)
Total	58 Locations

Summary

S.N.	District Name	No. of Centers MPP	No. of Centers Synergy Nepal	No. of Centers HSS	No. of Centers Mercantile /Winrock	Sub Total
1	Dhading	3	1		1	5
2	Dailekh	4				4
3	Makawanpur	3		2		5
4	Myagdi	4		5		9
5	Bhaktapur	1				1
6	Butwal	1				1
7	Kanchanpur		1			1
8	Rukum		1			1
9	Pyuthan		1			1
10	Sindhupalchowk		2			2
11	Arghakhanchi		1			1
12	Bara		1			1
13	Lalitpur		1			1
14	Gulmi		1			1
15	Rolpa		3			3
16	Mustang				1	1
17	Baglung			2	1	3
18	Jumla				2	2
19	Dadeldhura				2	2
20	Illam				1	1
21	Humla				1	1
22	Dolpo				1	1
23	Parbat			3		3
24	Kaski			3		3
25	Gorakha			3		3
26	Tanahun			1		1
	Total	16	13	19	10	58

Addenda

Annex-4

List of ICT Centers with its Detail Location Address

In coordination and cooperation with Madan Purasakar Pustakalaya (MPP)		
S.N.	Project Site Name and Address	Accessibility
1.	Kali Devi Lower Secondary School, Naubise-7, Dhading	Road Access
2.	Bhanu Lower Secondary School, Kal Bhairav-2 Dailekh	Road Access +Walk
3.	Nava Jagriti Primary School, Handi Khola- 5, Makawanpur	Road Access +Walk
4.	Bal Jagriti Primary School, Pulachaur-9, Myagdi	Road Access+ Walk
5.	Panchakoshi Jwala Secondary School, Gamaudi-4, Dailekh	Road Access +Walk
6.	Pashupati Lower Secondary School, Handikhola-7, Makawanpur	Road Access
7.	Jana Jagriti Primary School, Gogan Pani- 5, Dhading	Road Access +Walk
8.	Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Pulachaur- 4, Myagdi	Road Access
9.	Basanta Secondary School, Kimugaon, Narayan Municipality 1, Dailekh	Road Access +Walk
10.	Bhoj Siddha Secondary School, Handikhola-8, Makawanpur	Road Access
11.	Beni Community School, Arthunge-1, Myagdi	Road Access
12.	Janta Lower Secondary School, Narayan Municipality-2, Dailekh	Road Access
13.	Bhuvaneshwori Secondary School, Jeevanpur-9, Dhading	Road Access
14.	Mukti Dham Secondary School, Bhagawoti-6, Myagdi	Road Access +Walk
15.	Nyacho Pauwa Primary School, Chnagunaryan VDC Ward no 3,Bhaktapur	Road Access
16.	Naya Gaon Secondary School, Naya Gaon, Butwal – 14	Road Access

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In Coordination and Cooperation with Synergy Nepal		
S.N.	Project Site Name and Address	Accessibility
1.	Organization for Community Child and Environment Development (OCCED), Mahendranagar-18, Kanchanpur	Road Access
2.	Shree Birendra Uchcha Higher Secondary School, Banphikot, Rukum	Road Access +Walk
3.	Mukti Higher Secondary School, Ratamata, Pyuthan	Road Access.
4.	Harisiddhi Uchcha Madhyamik Bidyalaya, Kakling, Thulopakhar, Sindhupalchowk	Road Access
5.	Sital Nepal, Chutrabasi, Sandhikharka, Arghakhanchi	Road Access
6.	Dalit Janajati Utthan Kendra, NGO, Kohalbi Kevalpur, Bara	Road Access
7.	Jyoti Higher Secondary School, Kebalpur, PanditPauwa, Ward no. 1, Dhading	Road Access
8.	Mankha Organic Agriculture Cooperative Limited, Khadichaur, Sindhupalchowk	Road Access
9.	Jagat Sir Memorial Trust, Thecho, Lalitpur	Road Access
10.	<i>Book Bank Nepal, Bamgha VDC, Ranibas, Gulmi</i>	Road Access
11.	Rolpa Community Information Centre, Liwang VDC-6, Rolpa;	Road Access+Walk
12.	Ghoda Gaun Public Information and Communication Service Center, Ghoda Gaun, Rolpa	Road Access+Walk.
13.	Suryodaya Public Information and Communication Service Center, Mijing VDC-7, Sulichaur, Rolpa	Road Access+Walk

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In Coordination and Cooperation with Himanchal Higher Secondary School(HSS)

S.N.	Project Site Name and Address	Accessibility
1.	Kindu Primary School, Myagdi	Road Access+Walk
2.	Prithvi High School Harichour, Baglung	Road Access+Walk
3.	Bhuka High School, Parbat	Road Access+Walk
4.	Annapurna High School, Siklis, Kaski	Road Access +Walk
5.	Dana High School, Myagdi	Road Access
6.	Kailash High School, Doba Myagdi	Road Access+Walk
7.	Bajaya Bahbani High School, Makiaising, Gorkha	Road Access
8.	Gadpar Primary School, Myagdi	Road Access+Walk
9.	Drabya Shah Primary School, Gorkha	Road Access
10.	Dhairing High School, Parbat	Road Access+Walk
11.	Banahaun High School, Parbat	Road Access+Walk
12.	Tikhe Dunga Lower Secondary School, Kaski	Road Access+Walk
13.	Jyoti Higher Secondary School Harna Madi, Makawanpur	Road Access
14.	Mahendra High School, Baglung	Road Access
15.	Barpak High School, Gorakha	Road Access+Walk
16.	Bagbhairab Primary School Shikharpur, Makawanpur	Road Access+Walk
17.	Bharat Pokhari High School, Kaski	Road Access
18.	Bhurung Lower Secondary School, Myagdi	Road Access+Walk
19.	Lamagaun High School, Tanahun	Road Access+Walk

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In coordination and cooperation with Mercantile Communications and Winrock Int'l Nepal		
S.N.	Project Site Name and Address	Accessibility
1.	LoManthang Library and Information centre Lomanthang-1, Mustang , (Radio Site)	Plane Access +Walk
2.	Shree Tribhuvan higher secondary school, Dagathum Dada, Ward no 7 Baglung (VSAT Site)	Road Access
3.	Chandanath Telecenter Federated Community Chandanath VDC, Ward no: 6, Jumla Bazaarn (VSAT Site)	Plane Access /Road access
4.	Chandanath Telecenter Federated Community Chandanath VDC, Ward no: 6, Jumla Bazaar (Radio Site)	Plane Access /Road access
5.	Bagarkot Telecenter Federated Community Organization, Bagarkot VDC, Ward no: 7, Bagarkot Bazaar, Dadeldhura (VSAT Site)	Road Access
6.	Bagarkot Telecenter Federated Community Organization, Bagarkot VDC, Ward no: 7, Bagarkot Bazaar, Dadeldhura (Radio Site)	Road Access
7.	Dr. Megh Bahadur Parajuli, Community Hospital, Ilam Municipality, Ward 8, Sirfring, Ilam, (VSAT Site) Singfring, Ilam	Road Access
8.	Tashi Communication Center, (VSAT Site), Simikot, Humla	Plane Access
9.	Dolpa Enviromental Conservation Center Dolpo, Dunai (VDC),Dolpa (Radio Site)	Plane Access
10.	Shree Badri bishal Higer secondary School, Budhathum-5 , Dhading (VSAT Site)	Road Access+Walk

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