

Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank

Proforma for “Integrity Pact”

INTEGRITY PACT

Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank, constituted under the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 and having its Head Office at Berhampore, Murshidabad, PIN – 742101, West Bengal hereinafter referred to as “The Buyer”, which expression shall mean and include unless the context otherwise requires, its successors in office and assigns of the First Part.

And

M/s. _____ having its registered office at _____ hereinafter referred to as “The Bidder/Contractor/Seller”, which expression shall mean and include unless the context otherwise requires, successors and permitted assigns of the Second part.

Preamble:

Whereas the buyer intends to procure (Name of the Stores/Equipment / item / Services), under laid down organizational procedures and the BIDDER/Seller is desirous of offering / has offered the stores/Equipment / item / Services and

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company /public company / Government undertaking / partnership / LLP / registered export agency and is the original manufacturer / Integrator / authorized / Government sponsored export entity of the stores / equipment / item or Service Provider in respect of services constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the buyer is a Regional Rural Bank and a Government Undertaking as such.

WHEREAS the BUYER has floated a tender (Tender No.:) hereinafter referred to as “Tender / RFP/RFQ” and intends to award, under laid down organizational procedures, contract/s purchase order / work order for (name of contract/order) or items covered under the tender hereinafter referred to as the "Contract".

AND WHEREAS the BUYER values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules, bye-laws, regulations, economic use of resources and of fairness/transparency in its relation with its Bidder(s) and Contractor(s).

AND WHEREAS to meet the purpose aforesaid both the parties have agreed to enter into this Integrity Pact or "Pact", the terms and conditions of which shall also be read as Integral part and parcel of the Tender documents and Contract between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE in, consideration of mutual covenants contained in this Pact, to avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence/prejudiced dealings, the parties hereby agree as follows and this Pact witnessed as under:

The contract is to be entered into with a view to:-

Enabling the BUYER to procure the desired said stores/ equipment/ item/ Services at a competitive price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement and

Enabling BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the BUYER will commit to prevent corruption, in any and all forms, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

In order to achieve these goals, the Buyer will appoint Independent External Monitors (IEMs) who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

The parties hereby agree hereto to enter into this Integrity Pact and agree as follows:

Section 1- Commitments of the Buyer

(1) The Buyer commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles:-

a. No employee of the Buyer, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.

b. The Buyer will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The Buyer will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential/additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.

c. The Buyer will exclude from the process all known prejudiced person.

(2) If the Buyer obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the IPC/PC Act, or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Buyer will inform the Chief Vigilance Officer and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions.

Section 2- Commitments of the Bidder(s) / Contractor(s)

(1) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) commit themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption during any stage of bid process/contract. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) commit themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.

a. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer promise or give to any of the Buyer's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or the other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.

b. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.

c. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/PC Act; further the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Buyer as part of the business relationship, regarding plans., technical proposal and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.

d. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents/representatives in India, if any, similarly the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign Buyers, if any. Further details as mentioned in the "Guidelines on Indian Agents of Foreign Suppliers" shall be disclosed by the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s). Further, as mentioned in the Guidelines all the payments made to the Indian agent/representative have to be in Indian Rupees only.

e. The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will, when presenting their bid, disclose any and all payments made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.

f. Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) who have signed the Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matter to IEMs and shall wait for their decision in the matter.

(2). The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.

Section 3-Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts.

If the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) before award or during execution has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2, above or in any other form such as to put their reliability or credibility in question, the Buyer is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) from the tender process or take action as per the existing provisions of GFR, 2017, PC Act, 1988 and other Financial Rules/Guidelines etc.

Section 4- Compensation for Damages

(1). If the Buyer has disqualified the Bidder(s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the Buyer is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to earnest Money Deposit/Bid Security.

(2). If the Buyer has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or the Buyer is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section 3, the Buyer shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages of the contract value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

Section 5- Previous transgression

(1) The Bidder declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediate before signing of this integrity pact with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any Public Sector Enterprises or central/state government department in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.

(2). If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or action can be taken as per the procedure mentioned in "Guidelines on Banning of business dealing".

Section 6- Equal treatment of all Bidders/Contractors/Subcontractors

(1) In case of sub-contracting, the Buyer contractor shall take the responsibility of the adoption of IP by the sub-contractor. It is to be ensured that all sub-contractors also sign the IP.

(2) The Buyer will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Contractors.

(3) The Buyer will disqualify from the tender process all the Bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

Section 7- Criminal charges against violating Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s)/ Subcontractor(s)

If the Buyer obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Contractor or Sub contractor, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Buyer has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Buyer will inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

Section 8- Independent External Monitor

(1) The Buyer appoints competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact after approval by Central Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under the agreement.

(2) The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his/her functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would be provided access to all documents/records pertaining to the contract for which a complaint or issue is raised before them, as and when warranted. However, the documents/ records/ information having National Security implications and those documents which have been classified as Secret/Top Secret are not to be disclosed. It will be obligatory for him/her to treat the information and documents of the Bidders/Contractors as confidential. He/she reports to the Chairman, Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank.

(3) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all project documentation of the Buyer including that provided by the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s). The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will also grant the Monitor, upon his/her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-contractor.

(4) The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s)/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed declarations on "Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information" and of "Absence of Conflict of Interest". In case of any conflict of interest arising at a later date, the IEM shall inform Chairman, Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank and recues himself/herself from that case.

(5) The Buyer will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the Buyer and Contractor. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.

(6) As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he/she will so inform the Management of the Buyer and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.

(7) The Monitor will submit a written report to the Chairman, Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the Buyer and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

(8) If the Monitor has reported to the Chairman, Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/PC Act, and the Chairman has not, within the reasonable time taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

(9) The word '**Monitor**' would include both singular and plural.

Section 09- Pact Duration

This Pact begins when both parties have legally signed it. It expires for the Contractor 12 months after the last payment under the contract, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entail disqualification of the bidders and exclusion future business dealings.

If any claim is made/lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/ determined by Chairman, BGVV.

Section 10- Other provisions

(1) This agreement is subject to Indian Law. Place of performance and jurisdiction is The “Place of award of work”.

(2) The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of to the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

(3) Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing. Side agreements have not been made.

(4) If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.

(5) Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

(6) Issues like warranty/Guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.

(7) In the event of any contradiction between the Integrity Pact and its Annexure, the Clause in the Integrity Pact will prevail.

The parties hereby sign this Integrity pact aton

BUYER	BIDDER
Signature (with seal)	Signature (with seal)
Name of the Officer:	Name of the Officer:
Designation:	Designation:
Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank:	Bidder's Company Name:
Witness	Witness
1.	1.
2.	2.