

Institute of Human Virology Nigeria Bids

Background	The Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) was established in 2004 as a local organization to address the HIV/AIDS crisis in Nigeria through the development of infrastructure for treatment, care, prevention, and support for people living with and that affected by HIV/AIDS but has now expanded its services to other infectious diseases of TB and malaria, including cancers. IHVN is structured to develop and maintain linkages with local and international organizations in collaborative ways that support the Government of Nigeria's health sector strategic plans. IHVN key technical and funding partners are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
BID Title:	Maintenance Work within the Portacabin for TB LAMP Installation Abvious Under CE N. TUBIR grant
	at National hospital, Abuja under GF N-THRIP grant.
Scope of Bid	Bidders are invited to submit a Bid for the goods and/or services specified above: Schedule of Requirements, in accordance with this bid.
Interpretati on of the Bid	 This RFB is an invitation to treat and shall not be construed as an offer capable of being accepted or as creating any contractual, other legal or restitutionary rights.
	This RFB is conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of IHVN Procurement Manual (latest version of which can be accessed at: www.ihvnigeria.org and other relevant Organizational Directives and Administrative Instructions that are referred to in the Procurement Manual.
Language	The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Bid shall be written in the English language, unless specified otherwise in the bid advert. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages into the English language, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.
	The Bidder shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation.
Bid Eligibility	Bidders may be a private, public or government-owned legal entity or any association with legal capacity to enter into a binding Contract with IHVN.
	A Bidder, and all parties constituting the bidder, may have the nationality of any country with the exception of the nationalities, if any, listed in United State

Government Department List. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.

A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. A bidder shall be considered to have a conflict of interest if:

- A Bidder has a close business or family relationship with IHVN personnel who: (i) are directly or indirectly involved in the preparation of the bidding documents or specifications of the contract, and/or the bid evaluation process of such contract; or (ii) would be involved in the implementation or supervision of such contract:
- A Bidder is associated, or has been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by IHVN to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods, services or works required in the present procurement process;
- A Bidder has an interest in other bidders, including when they have common ownership and/or management. Bidders shall not submit more than one bid, except for alternative offers, if permitted. This will result in the disqualification of all bids in which the Bidder is involved. This includes situations where a firm is the Bidder in one bid and a subcontractor on another; however, this does not limit the inclusion of a firm as a sub-contractor in more than one bid.

Bidders must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest in the Bid Submission, and they shall be deemed ineligible for this procurement process unless such conflict of interest is resolved in a manner acceptable to IHVN. Failure to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest may lead to the Bidder being sanctioned.

A Bidder shall not be eligible to submit a quotation if and when at the time of quotation submission, the Bidder:

- Is included in any other Ineligibility List from an IHVN partner and if so listed in United State Government Debarment List.
- Is currently suspended from doing business with IHVN and removed from its vendor database(s), for reasons other than engaging in proscribed practices as defined in the IHVN Procurement Policy.

Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality

➤ IHVN strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of IHVN vendors and requires all bidders/vendors to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation.

IHVN's Anti-Fraud email: speakout@ihvnigeria.org can be reached at all times to report any foul play at any level.

	 Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to IHVN staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners. In pursuance of this policy, IHVN: a. Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question. b. Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing an IHVN contract.
Clarificatio n of the Bid	Bidders may request clarification in relation to the RFB by submitting a written request to the contract stated in the Bid advert, until the time stated as deadline on the RFB. Explanations or interpretations provided by personnel other than the contact person named will not be considered binding or official.
Bid Currency	The bid shall be made in Naira. If applicable, for comparison and evaluation purposes, IHVN will convert the quotations into USD at the official IHVN rate of exchange in force at the time of the deadline for Bid Submission.
	IHVN reserves the right not to reject any bid submitted in a currency other than the mandatory bidding currency. IHVN may accept bid submitted in another currency than stated above if the Bidder confirms during clarification of quotations in writing that it will accept a Contract issued in the mandatory bid currency and that for conversion the official IHVN operational rate of exchange of the day of RFB deadline as stated in Section I: RFB Particulars shall apply. Regardless of the currency of quotations received, the Contract will always be issued and subsequent payments will be made in the mandatory bidding currency above.
	Rates in bids shall be fixed. Bids with adjustable rates shall be disqualified.
Taxes	Contract sum shall be subjected to deduction of 5% withholding tax
Payment	IHVN will ordinarily effect payment within 2 to 3 weeks after
Terms	receipt/acceptance of the goods/services and on submission of payment documentation.
Audit	IHVN may conduct an audit of the contract awarded to determine its completeness, efficacy as well as the performance of the supplier, which will be used as a basis for the engagement of the vendors for future procurements.
Requireme	Ability to meet delivery targets within IHVN's specified time period.
nts Bid Protest	Any Bidder that believes to have been unjustly treated in connection with this
2.0110030	RFB process or any Contract that may be awarded as a result of such RFB
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service using the address provided on IHVN website speakout@ihvnigeria.org Responsive IHVN's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the ness of Bid contents of the Bid itself. A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bid advert without material deviation, reservation, or omission. If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by IHVN and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission. **Evaluation** The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Bids on the basis of their of Bid responsiveness to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications, and other documentation provided, applying the procedure indicated in the bid advert. Absolutely no changes may be made by IHVN in the criteria after all Bids have been received. IHVN reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification exercise, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such post-qualification shall be fully documented and, among those that may be listed in the bid advert, may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following: (a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted; (b) Validation of extent of compliance to the IHVN requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; (c)Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the bidder, or any other entity that may have done business with the bidder; (d)Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on on-going or previous contracts completed; (e) Physical inspection of the bidder's plant, factory, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidder; (f)Testing and sampling of completed goods similar to the requirements of IHVN, where available; and (g)Other means that IHVN may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract. **Qualificatio General Criteria:** n Criteria The Bidder shall possess the necessary professional and technical qualifications and competence, financial resources, production

capability with equipment and other physical facilities, including after-sales service where appropriate, managerial capability, specific experience, reputation, and the personnel to perform the contract.

	To qualify for a lot in a package for which Bids are invited in the Invitation for Bids, The Bidder shall demonstrate having resources and experience sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual lot. Experience Criteria: a. a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services.
	b. The Company or JV will assign sufficient personnel to execute the contract within the required timeline.
	The minimum requirements are:
	Certified Building Engineer: Minimum of Five years hands on experience with qualification of at least minimum of BSc. or its equivalent.
	 Project Manager: With a min of 5 years hands on experience with qualification of at least minimum of BSc. or its equivalent
Award Criteria	Prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, IHVN shall award the contract to the qualified and eligible Bidder that is found to be responsive to the requirements of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specification and has offered the lowest price or the most reasonable price.
Advance Payment Guarantee (APG)	 Any contractor that is willing to apply for advance payment shall produce a banker's guarantee, bank certified cheque or insurance bond prior to request for 50% advance payment from the sum of N2.5m and above 50 % of the contract price after delivery.
Supplier Code of Conduct	 IHVN is committed to working in partnership with our suppliers to realize the full value of our relationships and to positively contribute to our stakeholder communities and the environment. Therefore, the following conducts are expected from our suppliers: In keeping with our commitment to exercising appropriate standards of professionalism and ethical conduct in all business activities, IHVN will not tolerate bribery or corruption in any form, or any breach of its Anti-Bribery Policy.
	 Fraud & Corruption, Gift and Hospitality: IHVN strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of IHVN vendors and requires all bidders/vendors to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. IHVN's Anti-Fraud email:

- speakout@ihvnigeria.org can be reached at all times to report any foul play at any level.
- Suppliers are expected to maintain accurate records of their activities and performance that clearly demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards, regulations and IHVN requirements.
- Suppliers must disclose any personal relationships, economic interest or other ties to their business held by an employee or contractor with IHVN.
- Suppliers shall provide IHVN with high-quality products and services
 that meet all applicable quality and demonstrate that they have
 robust Standard Organization of Nigeria requirements in place. We
 expect suppliers to immediately report to IHVN of any concerns about
 product safety.
- Suppliers shall take appropriate measures to secure and protect all
 confidential information related to its relationship with IHVN and use
 it only for the purpose authorized under contractual agreement. This
 obligation shall remain in force regardless of the status of the
 business relationship.
- Suppliers to IHVN shall carry out operations with care for the environment and at a minimum will comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Suppliers shall also comply with the full supplier's code of conduct as required by GF. Please find the link: https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/3275/corporate_codeofconductforsuppliers_policy_en.pdf
- Suppliers shall also comply with any additional category specific requirements regarding the goods or services provided to IHVN, for example our requirements in respect of specification.

Pre-Selection Criteria

The following will constitute the pre-selection criteria on a Yes or No basis:

- Availability of a Company profile which should introduce your experience in line with details of your CAC Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- All Bidders must include copies of FIRS tax clearance certificates for the past three years i.e., 2022 2023 & 2024.
- All bidders must provide verifiable documentary evidence of the execution of at least three (3) Contracts for Laboratory maintenance work/renovation, two of which must have been in the last five (5) years. Copy of the award letters and delivery certificate where applicable are to be enclosed.
- The bidder must specialize in building construction/renovation of Laboratory with proof.
- All bidders must provide proof of Certificate of Incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), including Memorandum and Articles of Association, Form CAC2 and CAC7.

Availability of audited financial statements for the last 3 years i.e., 2022, 2023 & 2024. • Bank Reference Letter addressed to IHVN for the purpose of this bid. Current Sworn Affidavit certifying as follows: The company is not in receivership, subject to any form of insolvency I. or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings. The company does not have any director who has been convicted by II. any court in Nigeria and any other country for criminal offences in relation to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter. That no officer of IHVN is a former or present director or shareholder III. of the company or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder. IV. That all information presented in the documents is true and correct in all particulars. All bidders must submit an original copy of bid security in the value of 2.5% of bidders' quote. All bidders must indicate their bid validity period as 60 days from the date of this bid's expiration. The following will constitute the pre-selection criteria on a Yes or No **Technical** Assessmen basis: t Criteria Bidders must indicate brand of item against every bided item where applicable and please note that physical sample of every item may be required for verification at the time of bid evaluation. Pictorial catalog of all physical items must be attached. Service warrantee of at least two years is required. **Financial** Financial evaluation will be based on the most technically compliant Selection least cost selection. Criteria All bids are inclusive of all associated cost for deliveries (loading and offloading, payment of levies etc.). **Submission** • All bids must be in ink or type written, submission in pencil will not be Requireme accepted; nts • Copies of the complete hard copies of technical and financial bids are to be submitted and marked separately in sealed envelopes must be sent via courier or hand delivered, in a **sealed** envelope or parcel to the following address: INSTITUTE OF HUMAN VIROLOGY, NIGERIA IHVN Campus, 6th Floor, Cadastral Zone COO Plot 62, after BAZE University, Off CITEC Road, Abuja-NIGERIA. Attn: Procurement Unit;

	 All quotations are inclusive of all associated cost for deliveries (loading and offloading, payment of levies etc.); Bidders must indicate their bids in the bid register before dropping it in our bid box. All bidders must tender to the detail specification as these are sensitive commodities. The corrected price is what will be considered as the bid price. As time is of the essence, delivery of goods shall be within 6 to 8 weeks from the date of receipt of L.P.O by contractor. Bidders must attach a copy of the products catalogue of the bided items or get a sample ready for verification at the time of bid evaluation; The bid must be in Company's Letter head, duly signed and stamped by an authorized company representative; All enquiries regarding the proposed application for the above should be addressed to the Director Procurement/HOD SCM of IHV-Nigeria.
Note*	 Bids which must reach us within at latest by 26th of September 2025 should have the title of the BID written on the "Top Left-Hand Corner" of the envelope. Please find the Detailed Specifications in the attached BOQ_ Annex 1. Please note that all bidders are to maintain the predetermined cost for few line items on the BOQ and provide their independent costs for other line items to arrive at total cost.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)

1. Introduction	1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meanings
1. Indoduction	hereby assigned to them:
	a) "Contract" means the Contract Agreement entered into
	between the Purchaser and the Supplier, together with the
	Contract Documents referred to therein, including all
	attachments, appendices, and all documents incorporated by
	reference therein.
	b) "Contract Documents" means the documents listed in the
	Contract Agreement, including any amendments thereto.
	c) "Contract Price" means the price payable to the Supplier as
	specified in the Contract Agreement, subject to such
	additions and adjustments thereto or deductions therefrom,
	as may be made pursuant to the Contract.
	d) "Day" means calendar day.
	e) "Completion" means the fulfilment of the Related Services by
	the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions set
	forth in the Contract.
	f) "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract
	g) "Goods" means all the commodities, material, equipment,
	and/or other materials that the Supplier is required to supply
	to the Purchaser under the Contract
	h) "Purchaser's Country" is the country specified in the SCC.
	i) "Purchaser" means the entity purchasing the Goods and
	Related Services, as specified in the SCC.
	j) "Related Services" means the services incidental to the
	supply of the goods, such as insurance, installation, training
	and initial maintenance and other such obligations of the
	Supplier under the Contract k) "BDS" means Bid Data Sheet
	l) "SCC" means Special Conditions of Contract.
	m) "Subcontractor" means any person, private or government
	entity, or a combination of the above, to whom any part of the
	Goods to be supplied or execution of any part of the Related
	Services is subcontracted by the Supplier.
	n) "Supplier" means the person, private or government entity, or
	a combination of the above, who's Bid to perform the
	Contract has been accepted by the Purchaser and is named
	as such in the Contract Agreement
	o) "The Project Site, means the place named in the SCC.
2. Contract	2.1 Subject to the order of precedence set forth in the Contract
Documents	Agreement, all documents forming the Contract (and all parts
	thereof) are intended to be correlative, complementary, and
	mutually explanatory. The Contract Agreement shall be read as a
	whole.

3. Fraud and Corruption

- 3.1 IHVN requires compliance with the Institute's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and its prevailing sanctions policies and procedures as set forth in the in section 2 above
- 3.2 The Purchaser requires the Supplier to disclose any commissions or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the Bidding process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee.

4. Interpretation

4.1 If the context so requires it, singular means plural and vice versa

4.2 INCOTERMS

- a) Unless inconsistent with any provision of the Contract, the meaning of any trade term and the rights and obligations of parties thereunder shall be as prescribed by INCOTERMS specified in the SCC
- b) The terms DDP and other similar terms, when used, shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of Incoterms specified in the **SCC** and published by the International Chamber of Commerce

4.3 Entire Agreement

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Purchaser and the Supplier and supersedes all communications, negotiations and agreements (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.

4.4 Amendment

No amendment or other variation of the Contract shall be valid unless it is in writing, is dated, expressly refers to the Contract, and is signed by a duly authorized representative of each party thereto.

4.5 Non waiver

- a) Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 4.5(b) below, no relaxation, forbearance, delay, or indulgence by either party in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of the Contract or the granting of time by either party to the other shall prejudice, affect, or restrict the rights of that party under the Contract, neither shall any waiver by either party of any breach of Contract operate as waiver of any subsequent or continuing breach of Contract.
- b) Any waiver of a party's rights, powers, or remedies under the Contract must be in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of the party granting such waiver, and must specify the right and the extent to which it is being waived

4.6 Severability

If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.

5. Language	 5.1 The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged by the Supplier and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language specified in the SCC. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern 5.2 The Supplier shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation, for decuments provided by the Supplier
6. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association	 documents provided by the Supplier. 6.1 If the Supplier is a joint venture, consortium, or association, all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to the Purchaser for the fulfilment of the provisions of the Contract and shall designate one party to act as a leader with authority to bind the joint venture, consortium, or association. The composition or the constitution of the joint venture, consortium, or association shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Purchaser.
7. Eligibility	 7.1 A Supplier or Subcontractor shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if it is a citizen or constituted, incorporated, or registered, and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. 7.2 All Goods and Related Services to be supplied under the Contract and financed by the Institute shall have their origin in Eligible Countries. For the purpose of this Clause, origin means the country where the goods have been grown, mined, cultivated, produced, manufactured, or processed; or through manufacture, processing, or assembly, another commercially recognized article results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics from its components.
8. Notices	 8.1 Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing to the address specified in the SCC. The term "in writing" means communicated in written form with proof of receipt. 8.2 A notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.
9. Governing Law 10. Settlement of	 9.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Purchaser's Country, unless otherwise specified in the SCC. 9.2 Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Supplier shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Purchaser's Country when as a matter of law or official regulations, the purchaser's country prohibits commercial relations with that country. 10.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall make every effort to resolve
Disputes	amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract

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11. Inspections and Audit by the Institute	 10.2 If, after twenty-eight (28) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Purchaser or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under the Contract. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC. 10.3 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and b) the Purchaser shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier. 11.1 The Supplier shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Subcontractors to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Goods in such form and details as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs 11.2 Supplier shall permit and shall cause its subcontractors and sub-consultants to permit, the Institute and/or persons appointed by the Institute to inspect the Site and/or the accounts and records relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Institute if requested by the Institute. The Supplier's and its Subcontractors' and sub-consultants' attention is drawn to Institute's right which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Institute's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as t
12 Scope of	pursuant to the Institute's prevailing sanctions procedures). 12.1 The Goods and Related Services to be supplied shall be as
12. Scope of Supply	12.1 The Goods and Related Services to be supplied shall be as specified in the Technical Specifications.
13. Delivery and Documents	13.1 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 33.1, the Delivery of the Goods and Completion of the Related Services shall be in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements. The details of shipping and other documents to be furnished by the Supplier are specified in the SCC .
14. Supplier's Responsibilitie s	14.1 The Supplier shall supply all the Goods and Related Services included in the Technical Specification and the Delivery and Completion Schedule, as per GCC Clause 13.
15. Contract Price	15.1 Prices charged by the Supplier for the Goods supplied and the Related Services performed under the Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its Bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in the SCC .

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16. Terms of	16.1 The Contract Price, including any Advance Payments, if
Payment	applicable, shall be paid as specified in the SCC
	16.2 The Supplier's request for payment shall be made to the
	Purchaser in writing, accompanied by invoices describing, as
	appropriate, the Goods delivered and Related Services performed,
	and by the documents submitted pursuant to GCC Clause 13 and
	upon fulfilment of all other obligations stipulated in the Contract
	16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the Purchaser, but in no
	case later than ten (10) working days after submission of an invoice
	or request for payment by the Supplier, and after the Purchaser has
	accepted it.
	16.4 The currencies in which payments shall be made to the Supplier
	under this Contract shall be those in which the Bid price is
	expressed.
	16.5 In the event that the Purchaser fails to pay the Supplier any
	payment by its due date or within the period set forth in the SCC,
	the Purchaser shall pay interest as specified in the SCC .
17. Taxes and	17.1 For goods manufactured outside the Purchaser's Country, the
Duties	Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties,
	license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the
	Purchaser's Country
	17.2 For goods Manufactured within the Purchaser's Country, the
	Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license
	fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted Goods to the
	Purchaser.
	17.3 If any tax exemptions, reductions, allowances or privileges may be
	available to the Supplier in the Purchaser's Country, the Purchaser
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	shall use its best efforts to enable the Supplier to benefit from any
40 D (such tax savings to the maximum allowable extent.
18. Performance	18.1 If required as specified in the SCC , the Supplier shall, within
Security	twenty-eight (28) days of the notification of contract award, provide
	a performance security for the performance of the Contract in the
	amount specified in the SCC
	18.2 The proceeds of the Performance Security shall be payable to
	the Purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the
	Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract.
	18.3 As specified in the SCC , the Performance Security, if required,
	shall be denominated in the currency(ies) of the Contract, or in a
	freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser; and shall
	be in one of the format stipulated by the Purchaser in the SCC , or
	in another format acceptable to the Purchaser
	18.4 The Performance Security shall be discharged by the Purchaser
	and returned to the Supplier not later than twenty-eight (28) days
	following the date of Completion of the Supplier's performance
	obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations,
	unless specified otherwise in the SCC .
19. Copyright	19.1 The copyright in all drawings, documents, and other materials
	containing data and information furnished to the Purchaser by the
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Supplier herein shall remain vested in the Supplier, or, if they ar furnished to the Purchaser directly or through the Supplier by an third party, including suppliers of materials, the copyright in suc materials shall remain vested in such third party 20. Confidential Information 20.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall keep confidential and sha not, without the written consent of the other party hereto, divulg to any third party any documents, data, or other informatio furnished directly or indirectly by the other party hereto i connection with the Contract, whether such information has bee furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of
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Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract, in whic
event the Supplier shall obtain from such Subcontractor a
undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on th
Supplier under GCC Clause 20.
20.2 The Purchaser shall not use such documents, data, and other
information received from the Supplier for any purposes unrelate
to the contract. Similarly, the Supplier shall not use suc
documents, data, and other information received from th
Purchaser for any purpose other than the performance of th
Contract
20.3 The obligation of a party under GCC Sub-Clauses 20.1 and 20.
above, however, shall not apply to information that:
a) the Purchaser or Supplier need to share with the institutions
participating in the financing of the Contract;
b) now or hereafter enters the public domain through no fault o
that party;
c) can be proven to have been possessed by that party at the
time of disclosure and which was not previously obtained,
directly or indirectly, from the other party; or
d) otherwise lawfully becomes available to that party from a
third party that has no obligation of confidentiality
20.4 The above provisions of GCC Clause 20 shall not in any wa
modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of th
parties hereto prior to the date of the Contract in respect of th
Supply or any part thereof
20.5 The provisions of GCC Clause 20 shall survive completion of
termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract.
21. Subcontracting 21.1 The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing of a
subcontracts awarded under the Contract if not already specifie
in the Bid. Such notification, in the original Bid or later shall no
relieve the Supplier from any of its obligations, duties
responsibilities, or liability under the Contract
21.2 Subcontracts shall comply with the provisions of GCC Clauses
and 7.

22. Specifications	22.1 Technical Specifications and Drawings:
and Standards	a) The Goods and Related Services supplied under this
	Contract shall conform to the technical specifications and
	standards mentioned in Technical specifications and,
	when no applicable standard is mentioned, the standard
	shall be equivalent or superior to the official standards
	whose application is appropriate to the Goods' country of
	origin
	b) The Supplier shall be entitled to disclaim responsibility for
	any design, data, drawing, specification or other document,
	or any modification thereof provided or designed by or on
	behalf of the Purchaser, by giving a notice of such disclaimer
	to the Purchaser
	c) Wherever references are made in the Contract to codes and
	standards in accordance with which it shall be executed, the
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	edition or the revised version of such codes and standards
	shall be those specified in the Technical Specifications.
	During Contract execution, any changes in any such codes
	and standards shall be applied only after approval by the
	Purchaser and shall be treated in accordance with GCC
	Clause 33.
23. Packing and	23.1 The Supplier shall provide such packing of the Goods as is
Documents	required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to
	their final destination, as indicated in the Contract. During transit,
	the packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation,
	rough handling and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and
	precipitation, and open storage. Packing case size and weights
	shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness
	of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling
	facilities at all points in transit.
	23.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside
	the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements
	as shall be expressly provided for in the Contract, including
	additional requirements, if any, specified in the SCC, and in any
	other instructions ordered by the Purchaser.
24. Insurance	24.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC , the Goods supplied
2-7. III 3 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	under the Contract shall be fully insured—in a freely convertible
	currency from an eligible country—against loss or damage
	incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage,
	and delivery, in accordance with the applicable Incoterms or in the
	manner specified in the SCC .
25. Transportation	25.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC , responsibility for
and Incidental	arranging transportation of the Goods shall be in accordance with
Services	the specified INCOTERMS.
	25.2 The Supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following
	services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC :
	a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or
	start-up of the supplied Goods;
	start-up of the supplied Goods,

b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied Goods; c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied Goods; d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied Goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the Supplier of any warranty obligations under this Contract; and e) training of the Purchaser's personnel, at the Supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied Goods Prices charged by the Supplier for incidental services, if not 25.3 included in the Contract Price for the Goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services 26. Inspections 26.1 The Supplier shall at its own expense and at no cost to the and Tests Purchaser carry out all such tests and/or inspections of the Goods and Related Services as are specified in the SCC The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of 26.2 the Supplier or its Subcontractor, at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination, or in another place in the Purchaser's Country as specified in the SCC. Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 26.3, if conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Purchaser. The Purchaser or its designated representative shall be entitled 26.3 to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 26.2, provided that the Purchaser bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses. Whenever the Supplier is ready to carry out any such test and inspection, it shall give a reasonable advance notice, including the place and time, to the Purchaser. The Supplier shall obtain from any relevant third party or manufacturer any necessary permission or consent to enable the Purchaser or its designated representative to attend the test and/or inspection 26.5 The Purchaser may require the Supplier to carry out any test and/or inspection not required by the Contract but deemed necessary to verify that the characteristics and performance of the Goods comply with the technical specifications codes and standards under the Contract, provided that the Supplier's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such test and/or inspection shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such test and/or inspection impedes the progress of manufacturing and/or the Supplier's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in

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	respect of the Delivery Dates and Completion Dates and the other obligations so affected
	26.6 The Supplier shall provide the Purchaser with a report of the
	results of any such test and/or inspection
	26.7 The Purchaser may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Purchaser, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Purchaser, upon giving a notice pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 26.4
	26.8 The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Purchaser or its representative, nor the issue of any report pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 26.6, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under the Contract.
27. Liquidated Damages	27.1 Except as provided under GCC Clause 32, if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods by the Date(s) of delivery or perform the Related Services within the period specified in the Contract, the Purchaser may without prejudice to all its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in the SCC of the delivered price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the percentage specified in those SCC. Once the maximum is reached, the
28. Warranty	Purchaser may terminate the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 35. 28.1 The Supplier warrants that all the Goods are new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials, unless provided otherwise in the Contra
	28.2 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 22.1(b), the Supplier further warrants that the Goods shall be free from defects arising from any act or omission of the Supplier or arising from design, materials, and workmanship, under normal use in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination
	28.3 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC the warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the Goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the SCC , or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the country of origin, whichever period concludes earlier
	28.4 The Purchaser shall give notice to the Supplier stating the nature of any such defects together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Purchaser shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Supplier to inspect such defects

- 28.5 Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the purchaser's feedback, expeditiously repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at no cost to the Purchaser
- 28.6 If having been notified, the Supplier fails to remedy the defect within the period specified in the feedback, the Purchaser may proceed to take within a reasonable period such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Supplier under the Contract.

29. Patent Indemnity

- 29.1 The Supplier shall, subject to the Purchaser's compliance with GCC Sub-Clause 29.2, indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Purchaser may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of:
 - a) the installation of the Goods by the Supplier or the use of the Goods in the country where the Site is located; and
 - b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Goods

Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Goods or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Goods or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the Supplier, pursuant to the Contract

- 29.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Purchaser arising out of the matters referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 29.1, the Purchaser shall promptly give the Supplier a notice thereof, and the Supplier may at its own expense and in the Purchaser's, name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.
- 29.3 If the Supplier fails to notify the Purchaser within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Purchaser shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf
- 29.4 The Purchaser shall, at the Supplier's request, afford all available assistance to the Supplier in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Supplier for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing
- 29.5 The Purchaser shall indemnify and hold harmless the Supplier and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against

any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Supplier may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser.
 30.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct: a) the Supplier shall not be liable to the Purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to pay liquidated damages to the Purchaser and b) the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Purchaser, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment, or to any obligation of the supplier to indemnify
the Purchaser with respect to patent infringement
31.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, if after the date of 28 days prior to date of Bid submission, any law, regulation, ordinance, order or bylaw having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated, or changed in the place of the Purchaser's Country where the Site is located (which shall be deemed to include any change in interpretation or application by the competent authorities) that subsequently affects the Delivery Date and/or the Contract Price, then such Delivery Date and/or Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, to the extent that the Supplier has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced cost shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable, in accordance with GCC Clause 15.
 32.1 The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure 32.2 For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event or situation beyond the control of the Supplier that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Supplier. Such events may include, but not be limited to, acts of the Purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or

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	revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes
	32.3 If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
33. Change Orders	33.1 The Purchaser may at any time order the Supplier through notice
and Contract Amendments	 in accordance GCC Clause 8, to make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following: a) drawings, designs, or specifications, where Goods to be furnished under the Contract are to be specifically manufactured for the Purchaser; b) the method of shipment or packing;
	c) the place of delivery; and
	d) the Related Services to be provided by the Supplier
	 33.2 If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier's performance of any provisions under the Contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or in the Delivery/Completion Schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this Clause must be asserted within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the Supplier's receipt of the Purchaser's change order. 33.3 Prices to be charged by the Supplier for any Related Services that might be needed but which were not included in the Contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services 33.4 Subject to the above, no variation in or modification of the terms
	of the Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed
34. Extensions of Time	 34.1 If at any time during performance of the Contract, the Supplier or its subcontractors should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods or completion of Related Services pursuant to GCC Clause 13, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the delay, its likely duration, and its cause. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract 34.2 Except in case of Force Majeure, as provided under GCC Clause 32, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its Delivery and Completion obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 26,

	unless an extension of time is agreed upon, pursuant to GCC Sub-
	Clause 34.1
35. Termination	35.1 Termination for default a) The Purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the
	Supplier, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part: i. if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within the period specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser
	pursuant to GCC Clause 34; ii. if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract; or
	iii. if the Supplier, in the judgment of the Purchaser has engaged in Fraud and Corruption, as defined in GCC, in competing for or in executing the Contract
	b) In the event the Purchaser terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to GCC Clause 35.1(a), the Purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Related Services similar to those
	undelivered or not performed, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Purchaser for any additional costs for such similar Goods or Related Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated
	35.2 Termination for Insolvency
	The Purchaser may at any time terminate the Contract by giving notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In such event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Purchaser
	35.3 Termination for Convenience a) The Purchaser, by notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Purchaser's convenience, the extent to which performance of the Supplier under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective
	b) The Goods that are complete and ready for shipment within twenty-eight (28) days after the Supplier's receipt of notice of termination shall be accepted by the Purchaser at the Contract terms and prices. For the remaining Goods, the Purchaser may elect:
	 i. to have any portion completed and delivered at the Contract terms and prices; and/or ii. to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed Goods and

	Related Services and for materials and parts previously		
	procured by the Supplier.		
36. Assignment	36.1 Neither the Purchaser nor the Supplier shall assign, in whole or		
	in part, their obligations under this Contract, except with prior		
	written consent of the other party.		
37. Export	37.1 Notwithstanding any obligation under the Contract to complete		
Restriction	all export formalities, any export restrictions attributable to the		
	Purchaser, to the country of the Purchaser, or to the use of the		
	products/goods, systems or services to be supplied, which arise		
	from trade regulations from a country supplying those		
	products/goods, systems or services, and which substantially		
	impede the Supplier from meeting its obligations under the		
	Contract, shall release the Supplier from the obligation to provide		
	deliveries or services, always provided however, that the Supplier		
	can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Purchaser and of the		
	funding agency that it has completed all formalities in a timely		
	manner, including applying for permits, authorizations and		
	licenses necessary for the export of the products/goods, systems		
	or services under the terms of the Contract. Termination of the		
	Contract on this basis shall be for the Purchaser's convenience		
	pursuant to Sub-Clause 35.3.		

2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (SCC):

GCC Clause	Specification			
1h	The purchaser's country is Nigeria			
1i	The procuring entity is: the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN)			
10	The delivery location is: National Hospital, Abuja			
4.2	The applicable INCOTERM is: DDP according to INCOTERMS version 2020			
5.1	The language is: English			
8.1	The address for the Supplier is:			
	Company Name: Contact person: Contact person position: Full address: E-mail address: The address for the Purchaser is:			
	Company Institute of Human Virology Nigeria Name:			
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	Full address: IHVN Campus, 6th Floor, Cadastral Zone COO Plot 62, after BAZE University, Off CITEC Road, Abuja-NIGERIA. E-mail bids@ihvnigeria.org address:			
10.2	Arbitration will be done by two independent experts. Each party will appoint one expert. If the two arbitrators do not come to an agreement, they will appoint a third expert, whose decision will be binding.			
13.1	Shipping and other documents: Shipping:			

GCC	Specification	
Clause		
	 Detailed list of items, including manufacturer, country of origin and serial numbers when applicable Quality certificate(s) of the manufacturer when applicable (reagents and consumables) Air Waybill/Bill of lading Proof of insurance Packing list 	
15.1	No price adjustments are allowed.	
16.1	Payments will be as follows: 1) Any contractor that is willing to apply for advance payment shall produce a banker's guarantee prior to request for 50% advance payment from the sum of N2.5m and above. The balance of 50 % of the contract price will be paid after delivery. 2) 100% payment after delivery will be applicable to vendor without advance payment.	
16.3	Payment will be done within 10 working days after receipt and acceptance of the invoice accompanied by the required documents (delivery notes, letter of request for payment stating account details and TIN number & Invoice).	
21	Subcontracting is not allowed.	
23.2	Packing, marking and documentation: Packing in line with manufacturer's packaging standard. Marking: Shipment to be marked as "consigned to: Institute of Human Virology-Nigeria" and any other related information.	
24.1	Insurance will cover 100 % of the value of the goods.	
25.1	The applicable INCOTERM is "DDP place of destination (As indicated on the BOQ)	
25.2	Required services are delivery of the goods according to specifications	
26.1	Required tests: There will be two levels of tests, the first test will check the minimum requirements as stated on the purchase order for the approval of the warehouse team and the second will be the advanced testing procedures by the end users, which shall be done after receipt of commodities by the warehouse team to assess the quality of delivery. This simply means that, any commodity that fails quality test of the end users would be rejected and the vendor would not be paid until a replacement is done.	
27	Liquidated Damages will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5%. ¹ Max. of applicable penalty: 10% of contract value Once the total value of the liquidated damages has reached 10 %, the purchaser has the right to terminate the contract and claim the performance guarantee.	

GCC Clause	Specification
28.3	The warranty period may be different for each of the items depending on the manufacturer.

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	issue of this bid	to the final selection, contact with IHVN
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