

Pre-Contract Integrity Pact
(Applicable for all tenders of the value above Rs.1 Crore)

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This pre-bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on _____ day of the month of _____ 202__.

BY AND BETWEEN

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur represented through "**The Registrar**", having its office located at G.T. Road, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh – 208016 (hereinafter called the "**BUYER**", which expression shall mean and include, unless **the** context otherwise requires, his successors in office and assigns) of the **First Party**;

AND

M/s _____ a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 through its representative/authorized signatory (insert name and designation of the officer) vide resolution dated _____ passed by the Board of Directors, having its registered office at _____

(hereinafter referred to as "**The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s)**") which terms or expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context, mean and include its successor-in-office, administrators or permitted assignees) of the **Second Party**;

WHEREAS, the Institute/Buyer has floated the Tender bearing No. _____ (hereinafter referred to as "**Tender/Bid**") and intends to award, under laid down organization procedures, contract(s) for _____ (Name of the work/goods/ services). The Institution values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules, regulations, economic use of resources and of fairness/transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s) and/or Contractor(s).

AND WHEREAS, the BIDDER is a private company/public company/Government undertaking/partnership/registered export agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the BUYER is a body corporate and has been established under the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961.

AND WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, in consultation with the CVC, the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education has appointed Independent External Monitors (IEMs), who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

NOW, THEREFORE, to avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence/prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to:-



Enabling the BUYER to obtain the desired said stores/equipment 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 form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree 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, shall 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 shall treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason during the tender process. The BUYER shall, in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and shall not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential / additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in the tender process or the contract execution.
 - (c) The BUYER shall exclude from the process all known persons having conflict of interest.
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 shall inform the Chief Vigilance Officer, IIT Kanpur and in addition shall initiate disciplinary proceedings.

Section 2: Commitments of BIDDERS

1. The BIDDER commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit itself to the following:-
 - (a) The BIDDER will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.



- (b) The BIDDER further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with the Government for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with the Government.
- (c) 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 entity or associates, if any. Further details as mentioned in the "Guidelines of Indian Agents of Foreign suppliers" shall be disclosed by the Bidders(s)/Contractor(s). Further, as mentioned in the Guidelines all payments made to the Indian Agent/representative have to be in Indian Rupees only.
- (d) BIDDERS shall disclose the payments to be made by them to agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this bid/contract.
- (e) The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the BUYER that the BIDDER is the original manufacturer/integrator/authorised government sponsored export entity of the defence stores and has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the BUYER or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award of the contract to the BIDDER, nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual, firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
- (f) The BIDDER, either while presenting the bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the BUYER or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- (g) The BIDDER will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- (h) The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- (i) The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information provided by the BUYER as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.

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- (j) The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- (k) The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- (l) If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the BUYER, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the BUYER has financial interest/stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of tender. The term 'relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013.
- (m) The BIDDER shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of the BUYER.

Section 3: Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts:

1. 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 Institute/Buyer is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) from the tender process or take action as per the procedure mentioned in the "Guidelines on Banning of Business Dealing".
2. Any violation of Integrity Pact would entail disqualification of the bidder(s) and exclusion from future business dealings, as per the existing provisions of GFR-2017, PC Act, 1988 and other Financial Rules/Guidelines etc. as may be applicable to the organization concerned.

Section 4: Compensation for Damages:

1. If the Institute/Buyer has disqualified the Bidder(s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the Institute/Buyer is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/Bid Security.
2. If the Institute/Buyer has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the Institute/Buyer is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section 3, the Institute/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(S) to disclose any transgressions with any other public/government organization that may impinge on the anti-corruption principle. The date of such transgressions, for the purpose of disclosure by the BIDDER(s) in this regard, would be the date on which cognizance of the said transgression was taken by the competent authority. The period for which such transgression(s) is/are to be reported by the bidders

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shall be the last **three years** to be reckoned from date of bid submission. The transgression(s), for which cognizance was taken even before the said period of three years, but are pending conclusion, shall also be reported by the BIDDERS.

2. The BIDDER agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject, BIDDER can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

Section 6: Equal Treatment of all Bidders/Contractors/Sub-Contractors:

1. In the case of sub-contracting, the principal/main Contractor shall take the responsibilities of adoption of the Integrity Pact by the Sub-contractor.
2. The BUYER will enter into agreements with the identical conditions as this one with all bidders and Contractors.
3. The BUYER will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

Section 7: Criminal Charges against violating Bidder(s)/Contractor(s)/Sub-Contractors:

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

Section 8: Sanctions for Violations

1. Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or anyone employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) shall entitle the BUYER to take all or any one of the following actions, wherever required: -
 - (i) To immediately call off the pre contract negotiations without assigning any reason or giving any compensation to the BIDDER. However, the proceedings with the other BIDDER(s) would continue.
 - (ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and/or Security Deposit/Performance Bond (after the contract is signed) shall stand forfeited either fully or partially, as decided by the BUYER and the BUYER shall not be required to assign any reason, therefore.
 - (iii) To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
 - (iv) To recover all sums already paid by the BUYER, and in case of an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR. If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the BUYER in connection

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with any other contract for any other stores, such outstanding payment could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest.

- (v) To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond/warranty bond, if furnished by the BIDDER, in order to recover the payments already made by the BUYER, along with interest.
 - (vi) To cancel all or any other Contracts with the BIDDER. The BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the BUYER resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the BUYER shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money(s) due to the BIDDER.
 - (vii) To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding processes of the Institute for a minimum period of two years, which may be further extended at the discretion of the BUYER.
 - (viii) To recover all sums paid in violation of this Pact by BIDDER(s) to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
 - (ix) In cases where irrevocable Letters of Credit have been received in respect of any contract signed by the BUYER with the BIDDER, the same shall not be opened.
 - (x) Forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.
2. The BUYER will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at para 9.1 (i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the BIDDER or anyone employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER), of an offence as defined in Chapter IX of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.
3. The decision of the BUYER to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the Independent Monitor(s) appointed for the purposes of this Pact.

Section 9: Fall Clause

1. The BIDDER undertakes that it has not supplied/is not supplying similar product/systems or subsystems at a price lower than that offered in the present bid in respect of any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or PSU and if it is found at any stage that similar product/systems or sub-systems was supplied by the BIDDER to any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or a PSU at a lower price, then that very price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the BIDDER to the BUYER, if the contract has already been concluded.

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Section 10: Independent Monitors

1. The Independent External Monitors are to be appointed by the Ministry of Education in consultation with CVC. The details of the appointed IEMs will be updated accordingly.
2. The task of the Monitor shall be to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this Pact.
3. The Monitor shall not be subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.
4. Both the parties accept that the Monitor has the right to access all the documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meetings.
5. As soon as the Monitor notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this Pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the BUYER.
6. The BIDDER(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. The BIDDER will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the BIDDER/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality.
7. 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 parties. The parties will offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
8. The Monitor will submit a written report to the designated Authority of BUYER within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BUYER / BIDDER and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
9. A person signing the IP Pact shall not approach the Court while representing the matter to IEMs and shall await the decision in the matter.
10. The IP would be implemented through a panel of Independent External Monitors (IEMs), appointed by the Ministry. The IEM would review independently and objectively whether and to what extent parties have complied with their obligations under the Pact on receipt of any complaint by them from the Bidder(s).
11. Integrity Pact (IP), in respect of a particular contract, shall be operative from the date IP is signed by both parties. The IEMs shall examine all the representations/grievances/complaints received by them from the bidders or their authorized representatives related to any discrimination on account of lack of fair play in modes of procurement and bidding systems, tendering method, eligibility conditions, bid evaluation criteria, commercial terms & conditions, choice of technology/specifications etc.



12. For ensuring the desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of the tendering process, the matter should be examined by the full panel of IEMs jointly, who would look into the records, conduct an examination, and submit their joint recommendations to the Management. In case the full panel is not available due to some unavoidable reasons, the available IEM(s) will conduct examination of the complaints. Consent of the IEM(s), who may not be available, shall be taken on the records.
13. In the event of any dispute between the management and the contractor relating to those contracts where Integrity Pact is applicable, in case, both the parties are agreeable, they may try to settle dispute through mediation before the panel of IEMs in a time-bound manner. If required, the organization may adopt any mediation rules for this purpose.

In case, the dispute remains unresolved even after mediation by the panel of IEMs, the organization may take further action as per the terms & conditions of the contract.

The fees/expenses on dispute resolution shall be equally shared by both parties.
14. If the Monitor has reported to the Management of the BUYER a substantiated suspicion of an offense under the relevant IPC/ PC Act, the Management of the BUYER will take action after examination of the veracity of the intent of the action.
15. The word "**Monitor**" would include both singular and plural.

Section 11: Facilitation of Investigation

1. In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents, including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER, and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

Section 12: Law and Place of Jurisdiction

1. This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the BUYER i.e., Kanpur Nagar.

Section 13: Other Provisions

1. The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.
2. Changes and supplements, as well as termination notices, need to be made in writing. Side agreements have not been made.
3. In case of a joint venture, all the partners of the joint venture should sign the Integrity Pact. In case of sub-contracting, the principal contractor shall be solely responsible for the adherence to the provisions of IP by the sub-contractor(s).



4. Issues like Warranty/Guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of the IEMs.
5. This Integrity Pact is deemed as part of the contract.

Section 14: Validity

1. The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from the date of its signing and extend up to 5 years or the complete execution of the contract to the satisfaction of both the BUYER and the BIDDER/Seller, including the warranty period, whichever is later. In case BIDDER is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the contract.
2. Should one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement with their original intentions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands and seals and executed this Integrity Pact as of the date/month/year first above written in the presence of following witnesses:

For & on behalf of
The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
(First Party)
 Signed, Sealed and delivered by


 Name: **Vishwa Ranjan**
 Designation: **Registrar**
 Address: **IIT Kanpur**
 (Authorized Signatory)

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