

BANGLADESH REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT -1 (P154580)

Terms of Reference for Consulting Services

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERT (BLPA-S11)

1. Introduction and Background

The Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a USD 150 million Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) – a member of the World Bank Group (WB) – for financing the cost of the Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1 (BRCP-1), being jointly implemented by the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Ministry of Commerce. Now the BLPA intends to apply part of the IDA Credit for procuring the services of an International Technical Expert (ITE) for its Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

The Project Development Objective is to improve conditions for trade through improving connectivity, reducing logistics bottlenecks and supporting the adoption of modern approaches to border management and trade facilitation.

The Project consists of three (3) major components of which the below component will be implemented by BLPA:

Component 1: Invest in infrastructure, systems and procedures to modernize key selected land ports essential for trade with India, Bhutan and Nepal. The key activities under this component are:

- (i) Development and improvement works at four land ports along the Southwest to Northeast Corridor that are key to facilitating regional and transit trade. These include: Bhomra on the southwest border of Bangladesh, Sheola which would be a greenfield land port (it is currently a Land Customs Station with almost no infrastructure), and third land port at Ramgarh on the border with Tripura State, Northeast India,
- (ii) The Project will also finance measures to improve physical security and manage access risks at the Benapole land port, Bangladesh's largest and busiest land port, which experiences significant security and leakage problems. Activities to be financed include a high-capacity perimeter fence, a CCTV system, and a gate pass system.

BLPA, an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Shipping, is the implementing agency for this Component and is responsible for its overall implementation, management and monitoring. The ITE will provide inputs as technical specialist support for drafting bidding document and evaluating bids and other procurement related technical matters in BPLA-PIU.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The main role of the ITE is to provide support on core technical aspects for key procurement packages under the project. He/she will also support the Project Director and other PIU staff in engineering and project implementation responsibilities.

The activities of the ITE will be guided by, and be in conformity with, the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 of Goods, works, and Non-consulting and Consulting services as agreed in procurement plan.

