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**TENDER  
FOR PROCUREMENT OF FRESH MILK FOR THE  
CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

**TENDER NO. CBK/030/2014-2015**

**P.O BOX 60000 – 00200  
NAIROBI**

**(CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2014  
AT 10.30 A.M)**

## **SECTION A – INVITATION TO TENDER**

**Tender Ref. CBK/030/2014-2015**

**Tender name: Tender for procurement of Fresh Milk**

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) invites sealed tenders from interested and qualified bidders for supply of Fresh Milk for use at the CBK Head Office. This invitation is done through the Central Bank of Kenya Website: ([www.centralbank.go.ke](http://www.centralbank.go.ke)).

- 1.** Complete Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Director, Department of Estates, Supplies & Transport, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Central Bank of Kenya Head Office, Nairobi from Monday to Friday, between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 pm upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1,000.00** in cash or Banker's cheque OR be downloaded from the CBK website; [www.centralbank.go.ke](http://www.centralbank.go.ke) **FREE OF CHARGE.**
- 2.** Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from **the Office of the Director, Department of Estates, Supplies & Transport (Tel: +254 20 2861000/2860000 Fax: +254 20 2863497, +254 20 310604),** Central Bank Building, Haile Selassie Avenue, on 5<sup>th</sup> Floor between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm during working days.
- 3.** Prices quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and delivery costs, must be expressed in Kenya shillings and shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the tender.
- 4.** Tender documents duly completed in sealed envelopes clearly **marked with the tender number and title** should be deposited in **the Green Tender Box (Marked Tender Box No.3)** located at the Front **Entrance to the CBK Building** situated along Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi so as to be received on or before **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at 10.30 a.m.** late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
- 5.** Tenders must be accompanied by **Bid Bond** of at least **2% of the tender sum** in the format specified in the tender documents. Failure to attach the bid bond will lead to automatic rejection of the tender.
- 6.** Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers representatives who may choose to attend the opening at the **CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA PRESENTATION ROOM ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.**

**DIRECTOR,**

**DEPARTMENT OF ESTATES, SUPPLIES & TRANSPORT**

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## SECTION B -PRELIMINARIES

1. **Scope of Work:** The supply of fresh milk is to be done on daily basis from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays. The details of the package required and the quantity will be as provided in price schedule of this tender document.
2. **Delivery Period:** The successful tenderer is expected to commence delivery immediately upon expiry of the notification period or as instructed by the procuring entity. The responsibility for delivery shall rest entirely with the Supplier.
3. **Insurance And Safety:** Attention should be given to safety precautions while delivery is being made to prevent damage or accidents.
4. **Fixed Price Contract:** The contract is a fixed price contract and MUST be quoted in Kenya Shillings ONLY. No variations will be payable on grounds of exchange rate fluctuations.
5. **Validity Period:** The tender shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of tender opening.
6. **NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EMPLOYER**

For the purpose of response to the tender the address detailed below shall prevail:

Central Bank of Kenya

P.O. Box 60000

**NAIROBI**

**Tel: 2860000 or 2861000**

**Fax: 340192**

**Email: [comms@centralbank.go.ke](mailto:comms@centralbank.go.ke)**

## **SECTION C - INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS**

### **2.1 Eligible Tenderers**

- 2.1.1 This Invitation for Tenders is open to all tenderers eligible as described in the Invitation to Tender. Successful tenderers shall complete the supply of goods by the intended completion date specified in the Schedule of Requirements Section VI.
- 2.1.2 The procuring entity's employees, committee members, board members and their relative (spouse and children) are not eligible to participate in the tender.
- 2.1.3 Tenderers shall provide the qualification information statement that the tenderer (including all members of a joint venture and subcontractors) is not associated, or have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by the Procuring entity to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods under this Invitation for tenders.
- 2.1.4 Tenderers shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt and fraudulent practices.

### **2.2 Eligible Goods**

- 2.2.1 All goods to be supplied under the contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries.
- 2.2.2 For purposes of this clause, "origin" means the place where the goods are mined, grown, or produced. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially-recognized product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components
- 2.2.3 The origin of goods is distinct from the nationality of the tenderer.

### **2.3 Cost of Tendering**

- 2.3.1 The Tenderer shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its tender, and the procuring entity, will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the tendering process.
- 2.3.2 The price to be charged for the tender document shall not exceed Kshs.5,000/=

2.3.3 All firms found capable of performing the contract satisfactorily in accordance with the set prequalification criteria shall be prequalified.

## 2.4. **The Tender Document**

2.4.1 The tender document comprises the documents listed below and addenda issued in accordance with clause 2.6 of these instructions to Tenderers

- (i) Invitation to Tender
- (ii) Instructions to tenderers
- (iii) General Conditions of Contract
- (iv) Special Conditions of Contract
- (v) Schedule of requirements
- (vi) Technical Specifications
- (vii) Tender Form and Price Schedules
- (viii) Tender Security Form
- (ix) Contract Form
- (x) Performance Security Form
- (xi) Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment Form
- (xii) Manufacturer's Authorization Form
- (xiii) Confidential Business Questionnaire

2.4.2 The Tenderer is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the tender documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the tender documents or to submit a tender not substantially responsive to the tender documents in every respect will be at the tenderers risk and may result in the rejection of its tender.

## 2.5 **Clarification of Documents**

2.5.1 A prospective tenderer requiring any clarification of the tender document may notify the Procuring entity in writing or by post at the entity's address indicated in the Invitation to Tender. The Procuring entity will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the tender documents, which it receives not later than seven (7) days prior to the deadline for the submission of tenders, prescribed by the procuring entity. Written copies of the Procuring entities response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be sent to all prospective tenderers that have received the tender document.

2.5.2 The procuring entity shall reply to any clarifications sought by the tenderer within 3 days of receiving the request to enable the tenderer to make timely submission of its tender.

## **2.6 Amendment of Documents**

2.6.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of tenders, the Procuring entity, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective tenderer, may modify the tender documents by amendment.

2.6.2 All prospective candidates that have received the tender documents will be notified of the amendment in writing or by post and will be binding on them.

2.6.3 In order to allow prospective tenderers reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their tenders, the Procuring entity, at its discretion, may extend the deadline for the submission of tenders.

## **2.7 Language of Tender**

2.7.1 The tender prepared by the tenderer, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the tender exchange by the tenderer and the Procuring entity, shall be written in English language, provided that any printed literature furnished by the tenderer may be written in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate English translation of the relevant passages in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the tender, the English translation shall govern.

## **2.8 Documents Comprising of Tender**

2.8.1 The tender prepared by the tenderers shall comprise the following components

- (a) a Tender Form and a Price Schedule completed in accordance with paragraph 2.9, 2.10 and 2.11 below
- (b) documentary evidence established in accordance with paragraph 2.1 that the tenderer is eligible to tender and is qualified to perform the contract if its tender is accepted;
- (c) documentary evidence established in accordance with paragraph 2.2 that the goods and ancillary services to be supplied by the tenderer are eligible goods and services and conform to the tender documents; and
- (d) tender security furnished in accordance with paragraph 2.14

## **2.9 Tender Forms**

2.9.1 The tenderer shall complete the Tender Form and the appropriate Price Schedule furnished in the tender documents, indicating the goods to be supplied, a brief description of the goods, their country of origin, quantity, and prices.

## **2.10 Tender Prices**

2.10.1 The tenderer shall indicate on the appropriate Price Schedule the unit prices and total tender price of the goods it proposes to supply under the contract

2.10.2 Prices indicated on the Price Schedule shall include all costs including taxes, insurances and delivery to the premises of the entity.

2.10.3 Prices quoted by the tenderer shall be fixed during the Tender's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account. A tender submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected, pursuant to paragraph 2.22

2.10.4 The validity period of the tender shall be 60 days from the date of opening of the tender.

## **2.11 Tender Currencies**

2.11.1 Prices shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings unless otherwise specified in the Appendix to Instructions to Tenderers.

## **2.12 Tenderers Eligibility and Qualifications**

2.12.1 Pursuant to paragraph 2.1. the tenderer shall furnish, as part of its tender, documents establishing the tenderers eligibility to tender and its qualifications to perform the contract if its tender is accepted.

2.12.2 The documentary evidence of the tenderers eligibility to tender shall establish to the Procuring entity's satisfaction that the tenderer, at the time of submission of its tender, is from an eligible source country as defined under paragraph 2.1

2.12.3 The documentary evidence of the tenderers qualifications to perform the contract if its tender is accepted shall be established to the Procuring entity's satisfaction;



- (a) that, in the case of a tenderer offering to supply goods under the contract which the tenderer did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the tenderer has been duly authorized by the goods' Manufacturer or producer to supply the goods.
- (b) that the tenderer has the financial, technical, and production capability necessary to perform the contract;
- (c) that, in the case of a tenderer not doing business within Kenya, the tenderer is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Kenya equipped, and able to carry out the Tenderer's maintenance, repair, and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications.

## **2.13 Goods Eligibility and Conformity to Tender Documents**

2.13.1 Pursuant to paragraph 2.2 of this section, the tenderer shall furnish, as part of its tender documents establishing the eligibility and conformity to the tender documents of all goods which the tenderer proposes to supply under the contract

2.13.2 The documentary evidence of the eligibility of the goods shall consist of a statement in the Price Schedule of the country of origin of the goods and services offered which shall be confirmed by a certificate of origin issued at the time of shipment.

2.13.3 The documentary evidence of conformity of the goods to the tender documents may be in the form of literature, drawings, and data, and shall consist of:

- (a) a detailed description of the essential technical and performance characteristic of the goods;
- (b) a list giving full particulars, including available source and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the goods for a period of two (2) years, following commencement of the use of the goods by the Procuring entity; and
- (c) a clause-by-clause commentary on the Procuring entity's Technical Specifications demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the goods and service to those specifications, or a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Technical Specifications.

2.13.4 For purposes of the documentary evidence to be furnished pursuant to paragraph 2.13.3(c) above, the tenderer shall note that standards for workmanship, material, and equipment, as well as references to brand names or catalogue numbers designated by the Procurement entity in its Technical

Specifications, are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The tenderer may substitute alternative standards, brand names, and/or catalogue numbers in its tender, provided that it demonstrates to the Procurement entity's satisfaction that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence to those designated in the Technical Specifications.

## **2.14 Tender Security**

2.14.1 The tenderer shall furnish, as part of its tender, a tender security for the amount specified in the Appendix to Invitation to Tenderers.

2.14.2 The tender security shall be in the amount of 0.5 – 2 per cent of the tender price.

2.14.3 The tender security is required to protect the Procuring entity against the risk of Tenderer's conduct which would warrant the security's forfeiture, pursuant to paragraph 2.14.7

2.14.4 The tender security shall be denominated in Kenya Shillings or in another freely convertible currency, and shall be in the form of a bank guarantee or a bank draft issued by a reputable bank located in Kenya or abroad, or a guarantee issued by a reputable insurance company in the form provided in the tender documents or another form acceptable to the Procuring entity and valid for thirty (30) days beyond the validity of the tender.

2.14.5 Any tender not secured in accordance with paragraph 2.14.1 and 2.14.3 will be rejected by the Procuring entity as non responsive, pursuant to paragraph 2.22

2.14.6 Unsuccessful Tenderer's tender security will be discharged or returned as promptly as possible but not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of tender validity prescribed by the Procuring entity.

2.14.7 The successful Tenderer's tender security will be discharged upon the tenderer signing the contract, pursuant to paragraph 2.27 and furnishing the performance security, pursuant to paragraph 2.28

2.14.8 The tender security may be forfeited:

- (a) if a tenderer withdraws its tender during the period of tender validity specified by the procuring entity on the Tender Form; or
- (b) in the case of a successful tenderer, if the tenderer fails:
  - (i) to sign the contract in accordance with paragraph 2.27or

(ii) to furnish performance security in accordance with paragraph 2.28

## **2.15 Validity of Tenders**

2.15.1 Tenders shall remain valid for 90 days or as specified in the Invitation to Tender after the date of tender opening prescribed by the Procuring entity, pursuant to paragraph 2.18. A tender valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Procuring entity as non responsive.

2.15.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Procuring entity may solicit the Tenderer's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. The tender security provided under paragraph 2.14 shall also be suitably extended. A tenderer may refuse the request without forfeiting its tender security. A tenderer granting the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its tender.

## **2.16 Format and Signing of Tender**

2.16.1 The Procuring entity shall prepare two copies of the tender, clearly marking each "ORIGINAL TENDER" and "COPY OF TENDER," as appropriate. In the event of any discrepancy between them, the original shall govern.

2.16.2 The original and all copies of the tender shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the tenderer or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the tenderer to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the tender. All pages of the tender, except for unamended printed literature, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the tender.

2.16.3 The tender shall have no interlineations, erasures, or overwriting except as necessary to correct errors made by the tenderer, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the tender.

## **2.17 Sealing and Marking of Tenders**

2.17.1 The Tenderer shall seal the original and each copy of the tender in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY." The envelopes shall then be sealed in an outer envelope.

2.17.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:

- (a) be addressed to the Procuring entity at the address given in the Invitation to Tender:

(b) bear, tender number and name in the Invitation for Tenders and the words, “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE,” Thursday 11<sup>Th</sup> December, 2014 at 10.30 a.m.

2.17.3 The inner envelopes shall also indicate the name and address of the tenderer to enable the tender to be returned unopened in case it is declared “late”.

2.17.4 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as required by paragraph 2.17.2, the Procuring entity will assume no responsibility for the tender’s misplacement or premature opening.

## **2.18 Deadline for Submission of Tenders**

2.18.1 Tenders must be received by the Procuring entity at the address specified under paragraph 2.17.2 no later than Thursday 11<sup>Th</sup> December, 2014 at 10.30 a.m.

2.18.2 The Procuring entity may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of tenders by amending the tender documents in accordance with paragraph 2.6, in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring entity and candidates previously subject to the deadline will therefore be subject to the deadline as extended

## **2.19 Modification and Withdrawal of Tenders**

2.19.1 The tenderer may modify or withdraw its tender after the tender’s submission, provided that written notice of the modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the tenders, is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of tenders.

2.19.2 The Tenderer’s modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.17. A withdrawal notice may also be sent by cable, telex but followed by a signed confirmation copy, postmarked not later than the deadline for submission of tenders.

2.19.3 No tender may be modified after the deadline for submission of tenders.

2.19.4 No tender may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of tenders and the expiration of the period of tender validity specified by the tenderer on the Tender Form. Withdrawal of a tender during this interval may result in the Tenderer’s forfeiture of its tender security, pursuant to paragraph 2.14.7

2.19.5 The procuring entity may at any time terminate procurement proceedings before contract award and shall not be liable to any person for the termination.

2.19.6 The procuring entity shall give prompt notice of the termination to the tenderers and on request give its reasons for termination within 14 days of receiving the request from any tenderer.

## **2.20 Opening of Tenders**

2.20.1 The Procuring entity will open all tenders in the presence of tenderers' representatives who choose to attend, at Thursday 11<sup>Th</sup> December, 2014 at 10.30 a.m. and in the location specified in the Invitation to Tender.

The tenderers' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.

2.20.2 The tenderers' names, tender modifications or withdrawals, tender prices, discounts and the presence or absence of requisite tender security and such other details as the Procuring entity, at its discretion, may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening.

2.20.3 The Procuring entity will prepare minutes of the tender opening.

## **2.21 Clarification of Tenders**

2.21.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of tenders the Procuring entity may, at its discretion, ask the tenderer for a clarification of its tender. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, and no change in the prices or substance of the tender shall be sought, offered, or permitted.

2.21.2 Any effort by the tenderer to influence the Procuring entity in the Procuring entity's tender evaluation, tender comparison or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the tenderers' tender.

## **2.22 Preliminary Examination**

2.22.1 The Procuring entity will examine the tenders to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required sureties have been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the tenders are generally in order.

2.22.2 Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantify, the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the candidate does not accept the correction of the errors, its tender will be rejected, and its tender security forfeited. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail

2.22.3 The Procuring entity may waive any minor informality or non-conformity or irregularity in a tender which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver does not prejudice or effect the relative ranking of any tenderer.

2.22.4 Prior to the detailed evaluation, pursuant to paragraph 2.23 the Procuring entity will determine the substantial responsiveness of each tender to the tender documents. For purposes of these paragraphs, a substantially responsive tender is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the tender documents without material deviations. The Procuring entity's determination of a tender's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the tender itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence.

2.22.5 If a tender is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the Procuring entity and may not subsequently be made responsive by the tenderer by correction of the non conformity.

## **2.23 Conversion to Single Currency**

2.23.1 Where other currencies are used, the procuring entity will convert these currencies to Kenya Shillings using the selling exchange rate on the date of tender closing provided by the Central Bank of Kenya.

## **2.24 Evaluation and Comparison of Tenders**

2.24.1 The Procuring entity will evaluate and compare the tenders which have been determined to be substantially responsive, pursuant to paragraph 2.22

2.24.2 The tender evaluation committee shall evaluate the tender within 30 days of the validity period from the date of opening the tender.

2.24.3 A tenderer who gives false information in the tender document about its qualification or who refuses to enter into a contract after notification of contract award shall be considered for debarment from participating in future public procurement.

## **2.25 Preference**

2.25.1 Preference where allowed in the evaluation of tenders shall not exceed 15%

## **2.26 Contacting the Procuring entity**

2.26.1 Subject to paragraph 2.21 no tenderer shall contact the Procuring entity on any matter related to its tender, from the time of the tender opening to the time the contract is awarded.

2.26.2 Any effort by a tenderer to influence the Procuring entity in its decisions on tender, evaluation, tender comparison, or contract award may result in the rejection of the Tenderer's tender.

## **2.27 Award of Contract**

### **(a) Post-qualification**

2.27.1 In the absence of pre-qualification, the Procuring entity will determine to its satisfaction whether the tenderer that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated responsive tender is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

2.27.2 The determination will take into account the tenderer financial, technical, and production capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the tenderers qualifications submitted by the tenderer, pursuant to paragraph 2.12.3 as well as such other information as the Procuring entity deems necessary and appropriate.

2.27.3 An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the contract to the tenderer. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Tenderer's tender, in which event the Procuring entity will proceed to the next lowest evaluated tender to make a similar determination of that Tenderer's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

### **(b) Award Criteria**

2.27.4 The Procuring entity will award the contract to the successful tenderer(s) whose tender has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined to be the lowest evaluated tender, provided further that the tenderer is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

**(c) Procuring entity's Right to Vary quantities**

2.27.5 The Procuring entity reserves the right at the time of contract award to increase or decrease the quantity of goods originally specified in the Schedule of requirements without any change in unit price or other terms and conditions

**(d) Procuring entity's Right to Accept or Reject Any or All Tenders**

2.27.6 The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and to annul the tendering process and reject all tenders at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers or any obligation to inform the affected tenderer or tenderers of the grounds for the Procuring entity's action

**2.28 Notification of Award**

2.28.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of tender validity, the Procuring entity will notify the successful tenderer in writing that its tender has been accepted.

2.28.2 The notification of award will constitute the formation of the Contract but will have to wait until the contract is finally signed by both parties

2.28.3 Upon the successful Tenderer's furnishing of the performance security pursuant to paragraph 2.28, the Procuring entity will promptly notify each unsuccessful Tenderer and will discharge its tender security, pursuant to paragraph 2.14

**2.29 Signing of Contract**

2.29.1 At the same time as the Procuring entity notifies the successful tenderer that its tender has been accepted, the Procuring entity will send the tenderer the Contract Form provided in the tender documents, incorporating all agreements between the parties.

2.29.2 The parties to the contract shall have it signed within 30 days from the date of notification of contract award unless there is an administrative review request.

2.29.3 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful tenderer shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Procuring entity.



## **2.30 Performance Security**

2.30.1 Within Thirty (30) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Procuring entity, the successful tenderer shall furnish the performance security in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, in the Performance Security Form provided in the tender documents, or in another form acceptable to the Procuring entity.

2.30.2 Failure of the successful tenderer to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2.27 or paragraph 2.28 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the tender security, in which event the Procuring entity may make the award to the next lowest evaluated Candidate or call for new tenders.

## **2.31 Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices**

2.31.1 The Procuring entity requires that tenderers observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and execution of contracts when used in the present regulations, the following terms are defined as follows;

- (i) “corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution; and
- (ii) “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring entity, and includes collusive practice among tenderer (prior to or after tender submission) designed to establish tender prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Procuring entity of the benefits of free and open competition;

2.31.2 The procuring entity will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the tenderer recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.

2.31.3 Further a tenderer who is found to have indulged in corrupt or fraudulent practices risks being debarred from participating in public procurement in Kenya.

## SECTION D - SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Special Conditions of Contract shall supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, between the GCC and the SCC, the provisions of the SCC herein shall prevail over these in the GCC.

### Appendix to instructions to tenders

INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPENDIX TO INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERS
2.3.1	Tender document is sold at a non-refundable fee of <b>Kshs. 1,000.00</b> in Cash or Bankers cheque OR be downloaded from the CBK website; <a href="http://www.centralbank.go.ke">www.centralbank.go.ke</a> <b>AT NO COST</b> to those who choose to download from the website.
2.9	The Tenderer shall include all preliminaries e.g. insurance, security etc in the priced items. A separate claim for preliminaries will not be honoured.
<b>2.14.2</b>	The Tenderer shall provide a Tender Security of at least two percent (2%) of the bid price <b>from a commercial bank or insurance company approved by PPOA.</b> The form of Tender Security is described and format provided in this Tender Document.
<b>2.15</b>	Tender shall remain valid for <b>120 days</b> after the date of tender opening indicated in the tender notice.
<b>2.17.1</b>	The tender shall be submitted in two copies ie one <b>"ORIGINAL TENDER"</b> and a copy of the tender. Both copies put in an outer envelope marked with tender number and name.
<b>2.18</b>	Tenders to be received not later than <b>(THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT 10.30 AM)</b>
<b>2.20.1</b>	Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter at DEST conference room on 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor CBK Building
	<b>OTHERS:</b>
I	Package: The milk should be packaged in 500ml packets preferably tetra park packaging or equivalent.
II	Delivery Period <b>(Time for delivery)</b> : The milk should be delivered daily (Monday to Friday, except on public holidays) so as to be received by <b>6.00 a.m.</b> at the Bank without fail. The tenderer must confirm compliance with this requirement in the <b>remarks column</b> at the price schedule Section VIII. Tenders without the confirmation shall be considered non- responsive.

III	The delivery of fresh milk should be accompanied by a delivery note.
IV	The number of the packets to be supplied may be adjusted by giving a short notice (say one week).

## **SECTION E            -            GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

### **3.1        Definitions**

3.1.1    In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:-

- (a)        “The Contract” means the agreement entered into between the Procuring entity and the tenderer, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- (b)        “The Contract Price” means the price payable to the tenderer under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations
- (c)        “The Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials, which the tenderer is required to supply to the Procuring entity under the Contract.
- (d)        “The Procuring entity” means the organization purchasing the Goods under this Contract.
- (e)        “The Tenderer” means the individual or firm supplying the Goods under this Contract.

### **3.2        Application**

3.2.1    These General Conditions shall apply in all Contracts made by the Procuring entity for the procurement installation and commissioning of equipment

### **3.3        Country of Origin**

3.3.1    For purposes of this clause, “Origin” means the place where the Goods were mined, grown or produced.

3.3.2    The origin of Goods and Services is distinct from the nationality of the tenderer.

### **3.4        Standards**

3.4.1    The Goods supplied under this Contract shall conform to the standards mentioned in the Technical Specifications.

### **3.5        Use of Contract Documents and Information**

- 3.5.1 The tenderer shall not, without the Procuring entity's prior written consent, disclose the Contract, or any provision therefore, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Procuring entity in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the tenderer in the performance of the Contract.
- 3.5.2 The tenderer shall not, without the Procuring entity's prior written consent, make use of any document or information enumerated in paragraph 3.5.1 above
- 3.5.3 Any document, other than the Contract itself, enumerated in paragraph 3.5.1 shall remain the property of the Procuring entity and shall be returned (all copies) to the Procuring entity on completion of the Tenderer's performance under the Contract if so required by the Procuring entity

### **3.6 Patent Rights**

- 3.6.1 The tenderer shall indemnify the Procuring entity against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the Goods or any part thereof in the Procuring entity's country

### **3.7 Performance Security**

- 3.7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of Contract award, the successful tenderer shall furnish to the Procuring entity the performance security in the amount specified in Special Conditions of Contract.
- 3.7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the Procuring entity as compensation for any loss resulting from the Tenderer's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract.
- 3.7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Procuring entity and shall be in the form of a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in Kenya or abroad, acceptable to the Procuring entity, in the form provided in the tender documents.
- 3.7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the Procuring entity and returned to the Candidate not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the Tenderer's performance obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations, under the Contract

### **3.8 Inspection and Tests**

- 3.8.1 The Procuring entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the goods to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications. The Procuring entity shall

notify the tenderer in writing in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.

- 3.8.2 The inspections and tests may be conducted in the premises of the tenderer or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the tenderer or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Procuring entity.
- 3.8.3 Should any inspected or tested goods fail to conform to the Specifications, the Procuring entity may reject the equipment, and the tenderer shall either replace the rejected equipment or make alterations necessary to make specification requirements free of costs to the Procuring entity.
- 3.8.4 The Procuring entity's right to inspect, test and where necessary, reject the goods after the Goods' arrival shall in no way be limited or waived by reason of the equipment having previously been inspected, tested and passed by the Procuring entity or its representative prior to the equipment delivery.
- 3.8.5 Nothing in paragraph 3.8 shall in any way release the tenderer from any warranty or other obligations under this Contract.

### 3.9 **Packing**

- 3.9.1 The tenderer shall provide such packing of the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the Contract.
- 3.9.2 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

### 3.10 **Delivery and Documents**

- 3.10.1 Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the tenderer in accordance with the terms specified by Procuring entity in its Schedule of Requirements and the Special Conditions of Contract

### 3.11 **Insurance**

- 3.11.1 The Goods supplied under the Contract shall be fully insured against loss or damage incidental to manufacturer or acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery in the manner specified in the Special conditions of contract.

### 3.12 **Payment**

3.12.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the tenderer under this Contract shall be specified in Special Conditions of Contract

3.12.2 Payments shall be made promptly by the Procuring entity as specified in the contract

### **3.13 Prices**

3.13.1 Prices charged by the tenderer for goods delivered and services performed under the Contract shall not, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in Special Conditions of Contract, vary from the prices by the tenderer in its tender.

3.13.2 Contract price variations shall not be allowed for contracts not exceeding one year (12 months)

3.13.3 Where contract price variation is allowed, the variation shall not exceed 10% of the original contract price.

3.13.4 Price variation request shall be processed by the procuring entity within 30 days of receiving the request.

### **3.14. Assignment**

3.14.1 The tenderer shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under this Contract, except with the Procuring entity's prior written consent

### **3.15 Subcontracts**

3.15.1 The tenderer shall notify the Procuring entity in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this Contract if not already specified in the tender. Such notification, in the original tender or later, shall not relieve the tenderer from any liability or obligation under the Contract

### **3.16 Termination for default**

3.16.1 The Procuring entity may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the tenderer, terminate this Contract in whole or in part

(a) if the tenderer fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring entity

(b) if the tenderer fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Contract

- (c) if the tenderer, in the judgment of the Procuring entity has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract

3.16.2 In the event the Procuring entity terminates the Contract in whole or in part, it may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, equipment similar to those undelivered, and the tenderer shall be liable to the Procuring entity for any excess costs for such similar goods.

### **3.17 Liquidated Damages**

3.17.1. If the tenderer fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, the procuring entity shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract prices liquidated damages sum equivalent to 0.5% of the delivered price of the delayed items up to a maximum deduction of 10% of the delayed goods. After this the tenderer may consider termination of the contract.

### **3.18 Resolution of Disputes**

3.18.1 The procuring entity and the tenderer shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation and disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the contract

3.18.2 If, after thirty (30) days from the commencement of such informal negotiations both parties have been unable to resolve amicably a contract dispute, either party may require adjudication in an agreed national or international forum, and/or international arbitration.

### **3.19 Language and Law**

3.19.1 The language of the contract and the law governing the contract shall be English language and the Laws of Kenya respectively unless otherwise stated.

### **3.20 Force Majeure**

3.20.1 The tenderer shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security or termination for default if and to the extent that it's delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.



## **SECTION F - EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Evaluation of tenders will be conducted based on the tenderers response to the mandatory requirements and the quoted price as indicated in the price schedule

### **(I) MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

The following mandatory requirements must be met by the tenderer not withstanding other requirements in the tender document:

<b>NO</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>RESPONSIVE OR NOT RESPONSIVE</b>
MR1.	Must submit a copy of Tax Compliance Certificate issued by KRA, valid up to and including the tender closing date.	
MR2.	Must submit a copy of the Audited Accounts for the last two (2) accounting years	
MR3.	Must submit a copy of Certificate of Registration/Incorporation	
MR4.	Provide duly filled in Confidential Business Questionnaire (Company Profile) in the format provided.	
MR5.	Provide a bid bond (Tender Security) of at least 2% of the tender sum. The bind bond should be valid for up to thirty (30) days beyond the tender validity period.	

## (II) EVALUATION CRITERIA

	Evaluation Attribute	Tenderer's Response	Weighting Score	Max Score %
1	Experience in works of similar nature. Demonstrated by a detailed list of references in the last three years for a value of at least Kshs 200,000.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 or more clients: 30%</li> <li>• Others prorated at: <u>Number of clients x30</u> 5</li> </ul>	30
2.	Number of years in business of processing/distributing fresh milk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 years and above: <b>5%</b></li> <li>• Others prorated at: <u>Number of years x5</u> 5</li> </ul>	5
3.	<p>List of personnel in employment proposed to be dedicated for the required supply:</p> <p>(A) Management personnel- prove of managerial skills- provided signed CV.</p> <p>(B) Supervisors; personnel proposed to be supervising the supply to the Bank working experience as supervisor, educated at least up to "O" Level.</p> <p>(C) Other workers involved in the delivery – Status of their engagement (permanent, contract, casual)- bidder to specify</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) CV and above- 10% others nil - submit signed CV copies of certificates</li> <li>• 2 CVS and above 10% others nil - submit signed CV copies of certificates</li> <li>• Attach a list (10 and above ) permanent- 10% (5- 9)- permanent – 8%  (10 and above) non-permanent- 5% (5-9) non-permanent 3%  Others Nil  (The category should be supported by a list of employees indicating their employment status ie permanent or others</li> </ul>	30
4.	a) Profitability Margin		A margin of 20% and above will score 20 marks; 10-19 % 15 marks 5- 9% 10 marks and 1-4% 5 marks	20
	b) Liquidity Ratio  Must attach company audited accounts for the last two consecutive years.		2:1 – 15 marks; 1:1 – 12 marks; 0.5:1- 8marks less than 0.5 no mark	15
	<b>Total</b>			<b>100</b>

**NB 1:** Debt Equity Ratio (Net worth) =  $\frac{\text{Total Debt}}{\text{Net Worth}}$

Profitability (Margin) =  $\frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Total sales (Income)}}$

Current Ratio (Liquidity) =  $\frac{\text{Current Assets}}{\text{Current Liabilities}}$

**EBIT - Earnings before Interest and Taxes****1. FINANCIAL EVALUATION ( PRICE)**

Tenderers should note that only tenders that **score 75% and above** on the Technical Evaluation will qualify to have their financial bids evaluated. Those scoring below 75% will not be evaluated further and will be disqualified.

**2. RECOMMENDED TENDERER**

The Lowest Evaluated Tender (LET) that will be recommended for the award of the contract will be the one found to be the most competitive tender under the Technical and Financial (Price) Evaluation Criteria.

**(III) - PRICE SCHEDULES****SCHEDULE: FRESH MILK**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Item	Description	Count ry of origin	Quantity Per week (packets)	Annual Quantity 52 weeks	Unit price	Total Price – (Annual)	Remarks (Compliance with time for delivery as indicated)
1.	Fresh milk		1580	82160			

Signature of tenderer \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:* In case of discrepancy between unit price and total, the unit price shall prevail.

## **SECTION G - STANDARD FORMS**

### **Notes on the sample Forms**

1. Form of Tender - The form of tender must be completed by the tenderer and submitted with the tender documents. It must also be duly signed by duly authorized representatives of the tenderer.
2. Confidential Business Questionnaire Form - This form must be completed by the tenderer and submitted with the tender documents.
3. Tender Security Form - When required by the tender documents the tender shall provide the tender security either in the form included herein or in another format acceptable to the procuring entity.
4. Contract Form - The Contract Form shall not be completed by the tenderer at the time of submitting the tender. The Contract Form shall be completed after contract award and should incorporate the accepted contract price.
5. Declaration Form - This form must be completed by the tenderer and submitted with the tender documents.

**SECTION H: FORM OF TENDER**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tender No. \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[name and address of procuring entity]*

Gentlemen and/or Ladies:

**2.16.2 Having examined the tender documents including Addenda**

Nos. .... *[insert numbers]* the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to supply deliver, install and commission ( ..... *(insert equipment description)* in conformity with the said tender documents for the sum of ..... *(total tender amount in words and figures)* or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of this Tender.

2. We undertake, if our Tender is accepted, to deliver install and commission the equipment in accordance with the delivery schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements.
3. If our Tender is accepted, we will obtain the guarantee of a bank in a sum of equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the Contract Price for the due performance of the Contract , in the form prescribed by ..... *(Procuring entity)*.
4. We agree to abide by this Tender for a period of ..... *[number]* days from the date fixed for tender opening of the Instructions to tenderers, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.
5. This Tender, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a Contract, between us. Subject to signing of the Contract by the parties.
6. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any tender you may receive.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[signature]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[in the capacity of]

Duly authorized to sign tender for an on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION I: CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

You are requested to give the particulars indicated in Part 1 and either Part 2 (a), 2(b) or 2(c) whichever applied to your type of business.

You are advised that it is a serious offence to give false information on this form.

<b>Part 1 General</b>  Business Name ..... Location of Business Premises ..... Plot No, ..... Street/Road..... Postal address ..... Tel No. .... Fax Email ..... Nature of Business ..... Registration Certificate No. .... Maximum value of business which you can handle at any one time – Kshs. .... Name of your bankers ..... Branch .....																								
	<b>Part 2 (a) – Sole Proprietor</b> Your name in full.....Age..... Nationality.....Country of Origin..... Citizenship details .....																							
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	<p><b><i>DESIGNATION/POSITION:</i></b> .....</p> <p><b><i>SIGNATURE:</i></b> .....</p> <p><b><i>DATE:</i></b> .....</p> <p><b><i>COMPANY SEAL AND/OR STAMP:</i></b> .....</p>
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## SECTION J FORM OF TENDER SECURITY (Sample)

**WHEREAS**..... (hereinafter called "the Tenderer") has submitted his tender dated..... **FOR PROVISION OF FRESH MILK FOR CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA** KNOW ALL PEOPLE by these presents that WE, .....

having our registered office at .....(hereinafter called "the Bank"), are bound unto CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA (hereinafter called "the employer") in the sum of Khs ..... for which payment will and truly to be made to the said Employer, the Bank binds itself, its successors and assigns by these presents, sealed with the Common Seal of the said Bank this.....day of .....2014

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

1. If after tender opening the Tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity specified in the instructions to Tenderers  
OR
2. If the Tenderer, having been notified of the acceptance of his tender by the Employer during the period of tender validity:
  - a) fails or refuses to execute the form of Agreement in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers, if required; or
  - b) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers;

We undertake to pay to the Employer up to the above amount upon receipt of his first written demand, without the Employer having to substantiate his demand, provided that in his demand the Employer will note that the amount claimed by him is due to him, owing to the occurrence of one or both of the two conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

This guarantee will remain in force up to and including thirty (30) days after the period of tender validity, and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the said date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Bank)

\_\_\_\_\_(Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_(Seal)



## SECTION K: CONTRACT FORM

THIS AGREEMENT made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ between  
..... [*name of Procurement entity*] of ..... [*country of Procurement entity*]  
(hereinafter called "the Procuring entity) of the one part and ..... [*name of tenderer*]  
of ..... [*city and country of tenderer*] (hereinafter called "the tenderer") of  
the other part;

WHEREAS the Procuring entity invited tenders for certain goods ] and has accepted a  
tender by the tenderer for the supply of those goods in the sum of .....  
[*contract price in words and figures*] (hereinafter called "the Contract Price).

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are  
respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to:
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as  
part of this Agreement viz:
  - (a) the Tender Form and the Price Schedule submitted by the tenderer
  - (b) the Schedule of Requirements
  - (c) the Technical Specifications
  - (d) the General Conditions of Contract
  - (e) the Special Conditions of contract; and
  - (f) the Procuring entity's Notification of Award
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Procuring entity to the  
tenderer as hereinafter mentioned, the tender hereby covenants with the Procuring  
entity to provide the goods and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all  
respects with the provisions of the Contract
4. The Procuring entity hereby covenants to pay the tenderer in consideration of the  
provisions of the goods and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or  
such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the  
times and in the manner prescribed by the contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in  
accordance with their respective laws the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, delivered by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (for the Procuring entity

Signed, sealed, delivered by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (for the tenderer in the  
presence of \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION L:        DECLARATION FORM**

To \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The tenderer i.e. (name and address) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ declare the following:

- a) Has not been debarred from participating in public procurement.
- b) Has not been involved in and will not be involved in corrupt and fraudulent practices regarding public procurement.

_____ Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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(To be signed by authorized representative and officially stamped)