**Revision of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers**

**November 2020**

The revision of November 2020 reflects the Bank’s disqualification of firms determined to be non-compliant with their contractual Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) prevention and response obligations, in accordance with the applicable Standard procurement Documents (SPDs). The revision related to this includes:

* inclusion of SEA, SH in “Common Abbreviations and Defined Terms”, referring to applicable SPDs;
* Paras 3.24 added excluding disqualified firms from being awarded a contract financed by the Bank;
* Para 3.34 included to enable disqualification of firms;
* Para 4.4 requires the Procurement Plan to specify the applicable Procurement Documents for each procurement
* Annex II- Procurement Oversight: Para. 3.4 added requiring all Works procurement under projects classified as high risk for SEA/SH that use SPDs, to be subject to prior review, unless agreed otherwise with the Bank;
* Annex II- Procurement Oversight- Para. 10-modifications of signed contract: (e) and (f) added to 10.1 requiring that these contract modifications are subject to prior review:
  + any material modifications to the SEA/SH Prevention and Response obligations in Works contracts;
  + any amendment or modification of ongoing contracts involving a firm disqualified for SEA/SH contractual non-compliance;
* Annex II- Para. 11- due diligence: amended to include requirements on firms disqualified due to SEA/SH contractual non-compliance; and
* Annex V- para 3.11 requires that for Works procurements in projects classified as high-risk for SEA/SH, the Procurement Plan must also detail use of the applicable SPD for large Works.

A few other revisions include:

* Paras. 5.4 and 5.5: clarifying/updating environmental and social risk mitigation in national procurement procedures;
* Para. 5.40- Bid/Proposal opening: to clarify and ensure consistency with the intent of relevant provisions;
* Para. 5.95- contract award notification: new requirement for publication of award notices for procurement subject to post review on the World Bank website;
* Annex X- Evaluation criteria- Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services: recommendation on relative weight (rated-type criteria or non-price attributes vs. cost) deleted to enable this to be specified based on fit for purpose; and
* a few other editorial/non-substantive revisions.

**August 2018**

The revision of August 1, 2018 reflects the updated requirements for the use of national procurement procedures. The revision adds a new paragraph 5.4 “d” designed to mitigate against environmental, social (including sexual exploitation and abuse and gender-based violence), health and safety (“ESHS”) risks when using national procurement procedures to approach the national market.

**November 2017**

The revision of November 1, 2017, modified the original paragraph 5.94 (Contract Award Notice) by adding a new sentence (para. 5.94 “f”) that introduces Borrower’s obligation to publish the “Successful Bidder/Proposer/Consultant’s Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form…” A few editorial/non-substantive revisions of the Procurement Regulations were also reflected in this publication. These revisions clarify and ensure consistency with the intent of a few of the original provisions of the Regulations.

The Financing Agreement for the project determines the version of the Procurement Regulations that applies for the specific project.