

APPENDIX 6

TIME PERIODS

1. A procuring entity that uses selective tendering shall establish that the final date for the submission of requests for participation shall not, in principle, be less than 25 days from the date of publication of the notice of intended procurement. Where a state of urgency duly substantiated by the procuring entity renders this time-period impracticable, the time-period may be reduced to not less than 10 days.

2. Except as provided for in paragraph 3, a procuring entity shall establish that the final date for the submission of tenders shall not be less than 40 days from the date on which:
 - (a) in the case of open tendering, the notice of intended procurement is published; or

 - (b) in the case of selective tendering, the entity notifies the suppliers that they will be invited to submit tenders, whether or not it uses a multi-use list.

3. A procuring entity may reduce the time-period for tendering set out in paragraph 2 to not less than 10 days where:
- (a) the procuring entity published a notice of planned procurement under Article 177 paragraph 2 of this Agreement at least 40 days and not more than 12 months in advance of the publication of the notice of intended procurement, and the notice of planned procurement contains:
 - (i) a description of the procurement;
 - (ii) the approximate final dates for the submission of tenders or requests for participation;
 - (iii) the address from which documents relating to the procurement may be obtained; and
 - (iv) as much of the information that is required for the notice of intended procurement under Appendix 4, as is available.
 - (b) the procuring entity, for procurements of a recurring nature, indicates in an initial notice of intended procurement that subsequent notices will provide time periods for tendering based on this paragraph;

- (c) a state of urgency duly substantiated by the procuring entity renders such time-period impracticable; or
 - (d) the procuring entity procures commercial goods or services, provided that the single award criterion is the price.
4. A procuring entity may reduce the time-period for tendering set out in paragraph 2 by five days for each one of the following circumstances:
- (a) the notice of intended procurement is published by electronic means;
 - (b) all the tender documentation is made available by electronic means from the date of the publication of the notice of intended procurement; and
 - (c) the tenders can be received by electronic means by the procuring entity.
5. The use of paragraph 4, in conjunction with paragraph 3, shall in no case result in the reduction of the time-periods for tendering set out in paragraph 2 to less than 10 days from the date on which the notice of intended procurement is published.

6. Notwithstanding any other time-period in this Appendix, where a procuring entity purchases commercial goods or services, where the awarding criteria is not only the price, it may reduce the time-period for tendering set out in paragraph 2 to not less than 15 days, provided that the procuring entity:
 - (a) publishes by electronic means, at the same time, both the notice of intended procurement and the complete tender documentation; and
 - (b) accepts tenders by electronic means.