# Fiduciary Response to COVID-19

## Updates

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| **Update of Thresholds. Works, goods, and services** | - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the thresholds for processes with international open competition, national public tendering and price comparison in operations in preparation and related to the response for COVID-19, have been updated [Link](#).  
- For a period of 12 months, starting from April 7, 2020 |
| **Submission of Audited Financial Statements (AFS) to the Bank** | - 2019 AFS with contractual deadline June 30 and July 31  
- Submission of Audited Financial Statements up to 105 days (October 13 and November 13, respectively).  
- 2019 AFS with contractual deadline April 30 continue to be extended until August 13 |
| **Agreement with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO)** | - Direct Contracting of PAHO/WHO as a procurement agent or specialized agency  
- During the COVID-19 pandemic  
- Government/PAHO/WHO contract model with a pre-established rate for the cost of services and exceptions approved by the IDB [Link](#) |

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| **ConnectAmericas Supplier and Solutions Map** | - Interactive map with georeferencing of companies/providers of inputs and medical services [Link](#).  
- Any interested firm or company may provide their data [Form](#).  
*The Bank does not support the participation of any specific firm |
| **Supply-demand Matching Mechanism** | - Menu of procurement options that facilitates access to the offer of goods and services related to COVID-19 [Link](#) |
| **Electronic Platform EasiBuy** | - For the presentation and opening of bids  
- Free for use during the period of the emergency  
- Training and Support in English  
- Its use is the responsibility of the country  
*The Bank does not promote the exclusive use of the platform |
| **IDB-World Bank Framework Agreement on Public Procurement** | - Mutual dependence on government procurement related to co-financed projects in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) [Link](#).  
- Based on common procurement principles  
- Coordinated and unified approach  
- Increased efficiency and prevention of duplication of efforts  
- A primary co-financer will be designated, whose procurement policies will govern the project |

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Simplification of Fiduciary Processes

**SUBJECT**

**Executing Agency with eDisbursements**
- The DR will continue to be processed electronically
- Permanent technical support

**Executing Agency without eDisbursements**
- Based on previous coordination with the corresponding Entity, the Bank will temporarily accept:
  - Option A: Submission of the DR in PDF, duly signed by authorized personnel and scanned
  - Option B: Submission of the DR in PDF, duly signed by the authorized personnel using the signature instrument authorized by the country (electronic signature)
- Use of institutional emails
- Submission of supporting documentation, attached to DR
- Each authorized signatory providing their approval to the DR via e-mail
- Other options will be evaluated on a case by case basis
- DR file:
  - Original documentation must be maintained by the Executing Agency
  - Must be sent to the Bank in a timely manner

*Based on extensive analysis for Direct Payments, new bank flows, and at the discretion of the IDB Project Team

**SUBJECT**

**Disbursements related to COVID-19**
- The disbursements related to the emergency shall be prioritized and processed within 48 hours

**Advance of Funds**
- Currently in Place:
  - Increase of the advance of funds within the financial plan for adjustments to the original plan
  - Permanent/Specific Flexibility to the 80% rule

[2] In coordination with the Project Team Leader

**Reimbursement of Expenses**
- Operations in execution - currently in place
- COVID-19 reformulated Operations
  - Expenses incurred since 30-Jan-2020
  - Related to COVID-19
  - Procurement Procedures consistent with the Bank’s Core Procurement Principles

**Direct Payments**
- Flexibility for Government requests related to COVID-19 related procurements

**OTHERS**

**New Loan Operations – Retroactive Financing**
- Retroactive financing of eligible expenses incurred before loan approval
- With requirements substantially similar to those established in the loan contract
- Effective from 30-Jan-2020 - WHO declared COVID-19 a global health emergency

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Submission of AFS to the Bank**
- 2019 AFS – Due Date April 30, 2020
- Submission of AFS up to 105 days (August 13)

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## PROCUREMENT METHODS

### ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR COVID-19

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**SUBJECT**: Universal Eligibility

- Expansion of the Bank’s eligibility criteria to non-member countries in order to meet the demand for goods, works and services to address the COVID-19 pandemic

When acting as such:

- The procurement procedures of Procurement Agents (PA) or Specialized Agencies (SA) are accepted
- PA and SA will require their contractors, without exception, to sign a declaration of integrity that indicates that:
  - They have not been suspended or declared ineligible by any IFI
  - They acknowledge that the operation is being financed by the IDB
- They are subject to the Bank’s investigations and sanctions framework in the event of having committed prohibited practices

**SUBJECT**: Procurement Agencies

- Possibility of adhesion, via direct contracting, to an existing contract of the same or other Executing Agency

**SUBJECT**: Adhesion to existing contracts

- Possibility of carrying out consolidated procedures amongst Executing Agencies of the same or of different countries, including Framework Agreements

**SUBJECT**: International Aggregate Procurement

**Simplified formats** available:

- Direct Contracting (DC) [Link](#)
- Price Comparison (PC) [Link](#)
- Limited International Bidding (LIB) [Link](#)

**SUBJECT**: Bank’s Non-objection Request

- Flexibility and expedited response from the Bank’s project team
- Direct Contracting
  - Simplified form for requesting the Bank’s non-objection [Link](#)

**SUBJECT**: Price Comparison

- The document may be sent from an institutional email
- Quotations/offers from and to institutional emails are allowed
- The Procurement Specialist in consultation with the Project Team Leader may authorize the use of non-institutional emails, if they do not pose a risk to the price comparison process

**SUBJECT**: Electronic Documentation System

- Countries with electronic documentation system:
  - Applicable and in coordination with the Bank’s Project team
- Countries without electronic documentation system:
  - PDF document sent via email
  - Use of institutional emails
  - Copy to all responsible parties responsible for the Program

The use of non-institutional emails will be analyzed by the Bank’s Project team

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