

# WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT** ("Contract"), made and entered into this **19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012** in Quezon City by and between **Movie and Television Review and Classification Board**, a government agency with postal address at MTRCB Building, No. 18 Timog Avenue, Quezon City (hereinafter called the "Procuring Entity") and **Republik Brand, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under Philippine laws with principal office address at 264- 266 Mezzanine, Del Monte Ave., Quezon City (hereinafter called the "Consultant").

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Procuring Entity is desirous that the Consultant execute the MTRCB Website Development project (hereinafter called "the Works") and that the Procuring Entity has accepted the bid for One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php166, 500.00) by the Consultant for the execution and completion of the Works.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto jointly and mutually agree on the following:

1. In this Agreement, words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the General Conditions of Contract hereinafter referred to.
2. The following documents shall be attached, deemed to form, and be read and construed as part of this Contract, to wit:
  - (a) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
  - (b) Terms of Reference
  - (c) Request for Expression of Interest;
  - (d) Instructions to Bidders;
  - (e) Bid Data Sheet;
  - (f) Addenda and/or Supplemental/Bid Bulletins, if any;
  - (g) Bid forms, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes;
  - (h) Eligibility requirements, documents and/or statements;
  - (i) Performance Security, if applicable;



- (j) Credit line issued by a licensed bank, if any;
  - (k) Notice of Award of Contract and the Bidder's conforme thereto;
  - (l) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant as hereinafter mentioned, the Consultant hereby covenants with the Procuring Entity to execute and complete the Works and remedy any defects therein in conformity with the provisions of this Contract in all respects.
4. The Procuring Entity hereby covenants to pay the Consultant in consideration of the execution and completion of the Works, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of this Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands at the place and on the date first above written.

**MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW  
AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD**

By:

  
**EMMANUEL H. BORLAZA**  
Acting Chairperson

**REPUBLIK BRAND, INC.**

By:

  
**MICHAEL N. DE LEON**  
President

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

  
**ATTY. VICTORIANO S. MURING, JR.**  
Executive Director II

  
**SUSAN L. BANDOLIN**  
Chief Administrative Officer

# *General Conditions of Contract*

## **1. Definitions**

1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Philippines as they may be issued and enforced from time to time.
- (b) "Consultant" refers to the short listed consultant with the Highest Rated and Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid determined by the Procuring Entity as such in accordance with the ITB and specified in the SCC.
- (c) "Consulting Services" refer to services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the Government of the Philippines (GOP) requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability and/or capacity of the Procuring Entity to undertake such as, but not limited to: (i) advisory and review services; (ii) pre-investment or feasibility studies; (iii) design; (iv) construction supervision; (v) management and related services; and (vi) other technical services or special studies.
- (d) "Contract" means the agreement signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and other sections of the Bidding Documents are attached.
- (e) "Effective Date" means the date on which the Contract comes into full force and effect.
- (f) "Foreign Currency" means any currency other than the currency of the Philippines.
- (g) "Funding Source" means the entity indicated in the SCC.
- (h) "GCC" means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (i) "Government" means the Government of the Philippines (GOP).
- (j) "Local Currency" means the Philippine Peso (Php).
- (k) "Member," in case the Consultant is a Joint Venture (JV) of two (2) or more entities, means any of these entities; and "Members" means all these entities.
- (l) "Party" means the Procuring Entity or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.
- (m) "Personnel" means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Sub-Consultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof; "Foreign Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside the Government's country; "Local Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile inside the Philippines; and "Key Personnel" means the Personnel referred to in GCC Clause 39.



- (n) "Procuring Entity" refers to any branch, constitutional commission or office, agency, department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the Government, including GOCC, GFI, SUC, and LGU procuring Goods, Consulting Services, and Infrastructure Projects.
- (o) "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented.
- (p) "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in the Terms of Reference.
- (q) "Sub-consultant" means any person or entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of GCC Clause 50.
- (r) "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Government, the Procuring Entity, the Consultant or a Sub-Consultant.

## **2. Headings**

The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

## **3. Location**

The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in the Terms of Reference and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Philippines or elsewhere, as the Procuring Entity may approve.

## **4. Law Governing Contract and Services**

- 4.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4.2. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Sub-Consultant, as well as the Personnel of the Consultant and any Sub-Consultant, complies with the Applicable Law. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.
- 4.3. If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased on a no loss-no gain basis, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in GCC Clause 52, provided that the cost is within the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC).

## **5. Language**

This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

## **6. Consultants and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**

- 6.1. The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-Consultant and any entity affiliated with such Sub-Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, or consulting services for any project

resulting from or closely related to this Contract other than the Services and any continuation thereof provided there is no current or future conflict.

- 6.2. The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Sub-Consultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in the Government's country which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; and

after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC.

## **7. Authority of Member in Charge**

In case the Consultant is a JV, the Members hereby authorize the entity specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Procuring Entity under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Procuring Entity.

## **8. Resident Project Manager**

If required by the SCC, the Consultant shall ensure that at all times during the Consultant's performance of the Services in the Government's country, a resident project manager, acceptable to the Procuring Entity, shall take charge of the performance of such Services.

## **9. Entire Agreement**

This Contract, including the documents specified in Section 37.2.3 of the IRR, contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make any statement, representation, promise, or agreement not set forth herein of which the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for.

## **10. Modification**

Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, no modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification of the scope of the Services shall be allowed. Pursuant to GCC Clause 14 hereof, however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal for modification made by the other Party.

## **11. Relationship of Parties**

- 11.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of employer and employee or of principal and agent as between the Procuring Entity and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of its Personnel and Sub-Consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

- 11.2. The Consultant shall during the performance of the Services be an independent contractor, retaining complete control over its Personnel, conforming to all statutory requirements with respect to all its employees, and providing all appropriate employee benefits.

## **12. Authorized Representatives**

Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Procuring Entity or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

### 13. Good Faith

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

### 14. Operation of the Contract

The Parties recognize that it is impractical for this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of this Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them; and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties shall use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with GCC Clause 34 hereof.

### 15. Notices

15.1. Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when received by the concerned party, either in person or through an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.

15.2. Notice shall be deemed to be effective as specified in the SCC.

15.3. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC with respect to GCC Clause 15.2.

### 16. Warranty as to Eligibility

16.1. The Consultant represents, warrants, and confirms that it, as well as its Sub-Consultant, if any, is eligible, *i.e.*, has the legal personality to act as a consultant in accordance with Part I, Section II. Eligibility Documents issued for this project.

16.2. The Consultant shall fulfill its obligations under this Contract by using knowledge according to the best accepted professional standards. The Consultant shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the discharge of duties agreed to be performed and shall work in the best interest of the GOP.

### 17. Confidentiality

Except with the prior written consent of the Procuring Entity, the Consultant and the Personnel shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Personnel make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services. For purposes of this clause, "confidential information" means any information or knowledge acquired by the Consultant and/or its Personnel arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Services under this Contract that is not otherwise available to the public.

### 18. Payment

18.1. In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Procuring Entity shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such

manner as is provided by GCC Clause 53 of this Contract. However, the Procuring Entity may refuse to make payments when the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactorily performed by the Consultant.

18.2. Subject to the ceilings specified in GCC Clause 52 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall pay to the Consultant: (i) remuneration as set forth in GCC Clause 53.2; and (ii) reimbursable expenditures as set forth in GCC Clause 53.4. Said remuneration shall not be subject to price adjustment.

18.3. All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

#### **19. Currency of Payment**

All payments shall be made in Philippine Peso.

#### **20. Liability of the Consultant**

Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

#### **21. Insurance to be Taken Out by the Consultant**

21.1. The Consultant, at its own cost, shall be responsible for taking out or maintaining any insurance policy against any risk related to the project.

21.2. The Procuring Entity undertakes no responsibility in respect of life, health, accident, travel or any other insurance coverage for the Personnel or for the dependents of any such Personnel.

#### **22. Effectivity of Contract**

This Contract shall take effect on the date of the Consultant's receipt of the NTP, in accordance with ITB Clause 32; provided that the effectiveness of the conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.

#### **23. Commencement of Services**

The Consultant shall begin carrying out the Services starting from the effectivity date of this Contract, as mentioned in GCC Clause 22.

#### **24. Expiration of Contract**

Unless sooner terminated pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period after the effectivity date as shall be specified in the SCC.

#### **25. Force Majeure**

25.1. For purposes of this Contract the terms "force majeure" and "fortuitous event" may be used interchangeably. In this regard, a fortuitous event or force majeure shall be interpreted to mean an event which the Consultant could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Consultant.

25.2. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of force majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an

event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

25.3. Unless otherwise agreed herein, force majeure shall not include:

any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Sub-Consultants or agents or employees;

any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder;

insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder; or

the Procuring Entity's failure to review, approve or reject the outputs of the Consultant beyond a reasonable time period.

25.4. A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder immediately or within a reasonable time.

25.5. A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

25.6. The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of force majeure.

25.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a direct and proximate result of force majeure.

25.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to continue receiving payment under the terms of this Contract as well as to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period, provided that such costs are still within the total contract price. However, the foregoing provision shall not apply if the Procuring Entity suspends or terminates this Contract in writing, notice thereof duly received by the Consultant, pursuant to GCC Clauses 26 and 27 hereof with the exception of the direct and proximate result of force majeure.

25.9. Not later than fifteen (15) days after the Consultant, as the direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, has become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures considering the circumstances.

25.10. In the case of disagreement between the parties as to the existence, or extent of force majeure, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with GCC Clause 34 hereof.

## 26. Suspension

- 26.1. The Procuring Entity shall, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fail to perform any of their obligations due to their own fault or due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of either party under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension:

shall specify the nature of the failure; and

shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

- 26.2. The Consultant may, without prejudice to its right to terminate this Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 28, by written notice of suspension, suspend the Services if the Procuring Entity fails to perform any of its obligations which are critical to the delivery of the Consultant's services such as, non-payment of any money due the Consultant within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **27. Termination by the Procuring Entity**

- 27.1. The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:

Outside of force majeure, the Consultant fails to deliver or perform the Outputs and Deliverables within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Consultant prior to the delay;

As a result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to deliver or perform a material portion of the Outputs and Deliverables for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the Consultant's receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased;

In whole or in part, at any time for its convenience, the Head of the Procuring Entity may terminate the Contract for its convenience if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and National Government policies;

If the Consultant is declared bankrupt or insolvent as determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction; in which event, termination will be without compensation to the Consultant, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Entity and/or the Consultant;

In case it is determined prima facie that the Consultant has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation, such as, but not limited to, the following: corrupt, fraudulent, collusive and coercive practices; drawing up or using forged documents; using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and any other act analogous to the foregoing. For purposes of this clause, corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, and coercive practices shall have the same meaning as that provided in ITB Clause 3.1 (a).

The Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to GCC Clause

15.2 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Procuring Entity may have subsequently approved in writing;

The Consultant's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof; or

The Consultant fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.

- 27.2. In case of termination, written notice shall be understood to mean fifteen (15) days for short term contracts, *i.e.*, four (4) months or less, and thirty (30) days for long term contracts.

## **28. Termination by the Consultant**

The Consultant must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate this Contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. This Contract is deemed terminated if no action has been taken by the Procuring Entity with regard to such written notice within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt thereof by the Procuring Entity. The Consultant may terminate this Contract through any of the following events:

The Procuring Entity is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within sixty (60) calendar days following its receipt of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach;

The Procuring Entity's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof

As the direct and proximate result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or

The Procuring Entity fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to GCC Clause 32 hereof within eighty four (84) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **29. Procedures for Termination of Contracts**

The following provisions shall govern the procedures for the termination of this Contract:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute ground(s) for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the Procuring Entity shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such ground(s) and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
- (b) Upon recommendation by the Procuring Entity, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract only by a written notice to the Consultant conveying such termination. The notice shall state:
  - (i) that the Contract is being terminated for any of the ground(s) aforementioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the ground(s) constituting the same;
  - (ii) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
  - (iii) an instruction to the Consultant to show cause as to why the Contract should not be terminated; and

- (iv) special instructions of the Procuring Entity, if any.

The Notice to Terminate shall be accompanied by a copy of the Verified Report;

- (c) Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Consultant shall submit to the Head of the Procuring Entity a verified position paper stating why this Contract should not be terminated. If the Consultant fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall issue an order terminating this Contract;
- (d) The Procuring Entity may, at anytime before receipt of the Consultant's verified position paper to withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain services subject of the notice had been completed or performed before the Consultant's receipt of the notice;
- (e) Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall decide whether or not to terminate this Contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Consultant of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, this Contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Consultant of the notice of decision. The termination shall only be based on the ground(s) stated in the Notice to Terminate; and
- (f) The Head of the Procuring Entity may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist him in the discharge of this function. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the Head of the Procuring Entity.

### **30. Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by GCC Clauses 35 or 36 hereof.

### **31. Payment Upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (c) in the case of termination pursuant to GCC Clause 0 hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

### **32. Disputes about Events of Termination**

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in GCC Clause 27.1 or in GCC Clause 28 hereof has occurred, such Party may refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to GCC