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PURPOSE: To establish a program for the standardization of products, specifications and services.

GENERAL: Standardization is the adoption of a single product or group of products or services and is expected to facilitate best-value pricing and/or the delivery of high-quality products or services that meet desired specifications or attributes. Standardization will be based on criteria such as product performance, consistency of manufacturer(s), life cycle costs, design life, and maintainability. Wherever practical, standardization should result in a more efficient and economical operation. The Vice President of Procurement is responsible for the coordination of best practices and strategies as they relate to the establishment of criterion to be used for the Standardization Program.

PROCEDURES:

- A. General
 - 1. Departments may submit a Request for standardization of a product, specifications, or service.
 - 2. A Standardization Committee (Committee) will be established by the Vice President of Procurement and may consist of one representative, at a Director level or higher, from the following departments: Concessions, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, Maintenance, Marketing, <u>Planning</u> and <u>Development-& D</u>, and Operations. The Vice President of Procurement may add or delete representatives based on the Request. The Procurement Agent (PA) assigned to the requesting department or designee will attend the Committee meetings as a non-voting member. The Committee will:
 - a. Review all Requests to add or remove products, specifications or services to or from the Standardization Program list.
 - b. Unanimously vote to approve or deny the Request with each Committee member having one vote. If a Committee members' department submitted the Request, that Committee member will abstain from voting.

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- B. Definitions
 - 1. Product/Specifications Form means the form titled Product/Specifications Standardization Request Form used to Request to add a product or specifications to the Standardization Program list. The Product/Specifications Form is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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- 2. Request means a request by a department to add or remove a product, specifications or service to or from the Standardization Program list that is submitted to the Vice President of Procurement via a Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or Removal Form.
- 3. Removal Form means the form titled Request to Remove Standardized Product/Specifications/Service Form used to Request to remove a product, specifications or service from the Standardization Program list. The Removal Form is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 4. Services Form means the form titled Services Standardization Request Form used to Request to add a service to the Standardization Program list. The Services Form is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- C. Request Process

Requesting Department will:

- 1. Meet with the assigned PA or designee to review the department's Request.
- 2. Complete the Product/Specifications Form, the Services Form or Removal Form, as applicable, to justify the Request. The justification for the Request must be based on credible factors. Such documentation must include, at a minimum, a comprehensive analysis of the following, as applicable:
 - a. Product/Specifications Form or Services Form

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- i. Operational and performance advantages the product, specifications or service has over comparable products, specifications or services and why these capabilities are essential.
- ii. Maintenance advantages the product, specifications or service has over comparable products, specifications or services. Factors that should be considered include ease of maintenance; design life; maintainability; current skills of Authority personnel; costs of training if the product, specifications or service is not standardized; and any impact on parts inventory or availability.
- iii. Savings to the Authority by using the standardized product, specifications or service including life cycle costs, as applicable.
- b. Removal Form
 - i. The product, specifications or service is no longer available, no longer used, or obsolete.
 - ii. The product is defective.
 - iii. The services are no longer needed or no longer available.
 - iv. The price for the product, specifications or service has significantly increased.
- 3. Email the Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or Removal Form, as applicable, with any supporting documentation, to the Vice President of Procurement.
- D. Standardization Request Review
 - 1. Vice President of Procurement will:
 - a. Meet with Legal Affairs to review the Request;

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b. Identify the departments that will be represented on the Committee; and

- c. Assign a Procurement Manager (PM) to facilitate the review of the Request by the Committee.
- 2. PM will:
 - a. Forward the Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or Removal Form, as applicable, to the Committee members;
 - b. Schedule meetings, as necessary, with the Committee;
 - c. Attend all Committee meetings;
 - d. Prepare meeting sign-in sheets, ensure all attendees sign-in, and save signin sheets to the electronic folder;
 - e. Prepare and disseminate meeting minutes to the Committee members and Vice President of Procurement; and
 - f. Forward the Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or Removal Form, as applicable, with any additional information and the Committee's recommendation to the Vice President of Procurement.
- 3. Requesting department will:
 - a. Prepare a presentation for the Committee justifying the Request;
 - b. Assemble the individual or team who will present the Request to the Committee. If a team, the team should include individuals with technical knowledge of the product, specifications or service;
 - c. Present the presentation to the Committee; and

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d. Provide additional information to the Committee as requested.

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- 4. Committee will:
 - a. Attend all scheduled meetings and conference calls to review the Request, as well as the requesting department's presentation;
 - b. Actively participate in the evaluation of the Request;
 - c. Request additional information as necessary to make a final decision; and
 - d. Vote to approve or deny the Request. If the Committee's vote to approve is not unanimous, the Request will be denied.
- 5. PM will:
 - a. Advertise a Notice of Intent to Standardize Product/Specifications/Services (Notice) on the Authority website and one local newspaper if the Request is approved by the Committee. If no response(s) are received by the Notice's due date, submit to the Vice President of Procurement for approval. If response(s) are received, notify the Vice President of Procurement for review of response(s);
- 6. Vice President of Procurement will:
 - a. Review response(s) to Notice as applicable;
 - b. Review the Committee's recommendation;
 - c. Complete the Vice President of Procurement Section of the Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or Removal Form, as applicable, to approve or deny the Request; and
 - d. If denied, provide a written reason for the denial.

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- 7. Procurement will, as applicable:
 - Forward the fully executed Product/Specifications Form, Services Form or a. Removal Form, as applicable, to the Committee and the requestor;

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- Add the product, specifications or service to or from the Standardization b. Program list;
- Publish the revised Standardization Program list on the Authority c. Procurement Department Intranet and Internet webpages; and
- Revisit the product, specifications or service at a minimum of every three d. to five years to determine continued eligibility or removal of the product, specifications or service to or from the Standardization Program list.

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PRODUCT/SPECIFICATIONS STANDARDIZATION REQUEST FORM

Complete this form and submit via e-mail to the Vice President of Procurement.

All applicable fields must be completed and this form must be signed for the Request to be considered.

Product Standardization Request

Specifications Standardization Requ	iest
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A. REQUESTO	R INFORMATION	
Requestor: Phone:		Phone:
Department:		
B. PRODUCT I	NFORMATION (Complete if Request is for a produ	ict)
Select one:	New product proposed for standardization.	
	Product proposed to replace current standardized pro-	oduct.
Product type:		
Product is current	ly utilized by Authority: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
List other departm	nents that are or will be utilizing this product:	
Number and type	s of the same product:	
Supplier(s):		
Manufacturer(s):		
Brand(s):		
Use of the produc	et:	
C. SPECIFICATIONS INFORMATION (Complete if Request is for a specification)		
Salaat anay	New specifications proposed for standardization.	
Select one: Specifications proposed to replace current standardized specification		dized specifications.
A product is curre	ently utilized by Authority that meets or exceeds the pro-	posed specifications:
Known products	that meet or exceed the proposed specifications:	

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Other departments that are or will be utilizing these specifications:		
Supplier(s):		
Manufacturer(s):		
Brand(s):		
Provide specifications: Specifications attached Specifications listed below		
D. QUESTIONNAIRE		
Will standardizing reduce the total cost of ownership? Yes No		
If yes, describe savings:		
Will standardizing reduce time and costs associated with training? Yes No If yes, describe savings:		
Will standardizing reduce maintenance costs? Yes No		
If yes, describe savings:		
Explain the benefits of standardizing this product or specification. Include, at a minimum, performance, design life and maintainability benefits, where applicable.		
Are there established standards for this product or specification? Yes No		
If yes, identify standards such as ANSI and ASTM:		
Has the product/specifications been tested by the Authority? Yes No		
If yes, describe testing:		
Will standardizing reduce inventory requirements? Yes No If yes, explain:		
E. PURCHASING INFORMATION (Complete for the requested product or for the product that will meet or exceed the requested specification)		
Estimated product quantity to be purchased for the next fiscal years:		
FY Quantity: Unit of measure:		
FY Quantity: Unit of measure:		
FY Quantity: Unit of measure:		

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Estimated lifecycle of the product:

Estimated product acquisition cost per fiscal year: \$

Estimated product maintenance/repair costs per fiscal year: \$

E. STANDARDIZATION JUSTIFICATION

Justification for standardizing the product or specification or for replacing a current standardized product or specification:

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

Requestor Name	Signature	Date
Department Director/Vice President	Signature	Date
STANDARDIZATION COMMIT	TEE RECOMMENDATION	
 Standardization request appro Standardization request denied 		
Facilitator:		
Name:	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	
NOTICE OF INTENT TO STAN	DARDIZE PRODUCT/SPECI	FICATION
Notice of Intent to Standard	lize Product/Specification Advert	ised Date:
Response due date:	Responses received: Yes	No No
Facilitator:		
Name:	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	

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VICE PRESIDENT OF PROCUREMENT REVIEW

Approved.

Denied and returned to the Standardization Committee for the following reason:

Signature: Vice President of Procurement Date:

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SERVICES STANDARDIZATION REQUEST FORM

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A. REQUESTOR INFORMATION		
Requestor:	Phone:	
Department:		
B. SERVICES INFORMATION		
Select one: New services proposed for standardization. Services proposed to replace current standardized service. 		
Services type:		
Service is currently utilized by Authority: Yes No		
List other departments that are or will be utilizing this service:		
Number of times the same service will be used:		
Company(s) providing this service:		
Manufacturer(s) providing products or parts for this service:		
Brand name(s):		
How is this service used:		
Estimated services to be used for the next fiscal years:		
FY Dollar Amount: T	ime period:	
FY Dollar Amount: T	ime period:	
FY Dollar Amount: T	ime period:	
Estimated duration of services:		
Estimated services cost per fiscal year: \$		
Estimated extra work costs per fiscal year: \$		

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C. SERVICES SPECIFICATIONS
List services to be performed:
D. SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE
Are there similar service companies available? Yes No If yes, list companies:
Will standardizing reduce the total cost to the Authority? Yes No If yes, describe savings:
Will standardizing reduce time and costs associated with training? Yes No If yes, describe savings:
Will standardizing reduce ongoing maintenance costs? Yes No If yes, describe savings:
Explain the benefits of standardizing this service.
Are there established standards for this service? Yes No If yes, identify standards:
Has the service been tested by the Authority? Yes No If yes, describe testing:
Will standardizing reduce Authority personnel involvement requirements? Yes No If yes, explain:
E. STANDARDIZATION JUSTIFICATION
Justification for standardizing the service or for replacing a current standardized service:

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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT Requestor Name Signature Date Department Director/Vice President Signature Date STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION Standardization request approved. Standardization request denied. Facilitator: Title: Name: Signature: Date: NOTICE OF INTENT TO STANDARDIZE SERVICES Notice of Intent to Standardize Services Advertised Date: Response due date: Responses received: Yes No No Facilitator: Name: Title: Signature: Date: VICE PRESIDENT OF PROCUREMENT REVIEW

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Signature Vice President of Procurement Date

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REQUEST TO REMOVE STANDARDIZED PRODUCT/SPECIFICATIONS/SERVICE FORM

Complete this form and submit via e-mail to the Vice President of Procurement.

All applicable fields must be completed and this form must be signed for the Request to be considered.

Removal of Standardized Product Removal of Standardized Specifications

Remov	al of Sta	ndardized	Service
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A. REQUESTOR INFORMATION	
Requestor:	Phone:
Department:	
B. PRODUCT INFORMATION	
Product type:	
Reason for Request to remove product from standardization list:	
No longer available: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
No longer used by Authority: Yes No If yes, explain:	
Obsolete: Yes No If yes, explain:	
Defective: Yes No If yes, explain:	
Pricing has significantly increased: Yes No If yes, explain:	
Other:	
C. SPECIFICATIONS INFORMATION	
Specifications attached	
Specifications listed:	

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Reason for Request to remove the specifications from standardization list:	
No longer available: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
No longer used by Authority: Yes No	
If yes, explain:	
Obsolete: Yes No	
If yes, explain:	
Defective: Yes No	
If yes, explain:	
D. SERVICE INFORMATION	
Service:	
Reason for Request to remove the service from standardization list:	
No longer needed by Authority: Yes No	
If yes, explain:	
No longer available: Yes No	
If yes, explain:	

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

Requestor Name	Signature	Date
Department Director/Vice President	Signature	Date

STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Standardization request approved.		
Standardization request denied.		
Facilitator:		
Name:	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	

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Signature Vice President of Procurement

Date