

OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICY

GOJEP Tender Close Out Manual

This GOJEP User Guide provides technical instructions, to procurement practitioners, regarding the tender close out process using the GOJEP portal.

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ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Meaning	
TC	Tender Coordinators	
CAPC	Contracting Authority, Procurement Coordinator	
CAPCA	Contracting Authority, Procurement Coordinator	
ESR	Evaluator Staff Responsible/Lead Evaluator	
ES	Evaluator Staff	
OS	Opening Staff/Opening Officer	
РО	Procurement Officer	
PPA	Public Procurement Act	

Introduction

Scope:

This guidance note is twofold. Firstly, it sets out the critical steps for the close-out of procurement transactions in GOJEP and secondly, to properly equipped procurement practitioners with the relevant information required to effectively close-out a procurement transaction and ultimately publish its contract award notices as prescribed by the Public Procurement Act, 2015.

Definition:

Procurement transaction close-out refers to the procuring entity's entry of prescribed procurement transactional information into GOJEP, and the generation of a public notice of contract award. This guidance note does not attempt to cover all functionalities of close out stage but intends to support and enhance in a more user-friendly manner, the pre-existing GOJEP user manual.

Context:

In keeping with the principle of transparency in Jamaica's public procurement system, procuring entities are required to make material public disclosures of decisions taken at several points in the procurement cycle. At the end of the solicitation stage- that is, the set of processes associated with the invitation of offers and the making of a contract award, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, procuring entities are duty-bound to disclose/publish a notice of award of procurement contracts or framework agreements, specifying the following information:

- i. The name of the contractor or contractors to which the procurement contract or, as the case may be, the framework agreement was awarded; and
- ii. In the case of a procurement contract, the contract price.

In addition to the legal requirements, the compilation of procurement transactional data allows for the generation of usable procurement data to support policy development, reporting and performance monitoring.

Purpose of Closing out Procurement Transaction in GOJEP

E-procurement aims to minimize commercial transactions between the government and its suppliers using technology, to optimize the public procurement system.

The main objectives of the e-Procurement are to, inter alia, provide the GOJ and other international stakeholders with informed public procured data, to use the portal as one depository for the management of public procurement information, to provide statistics to assist in making better procurement and economic policy decisions and to increase efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the public procurement system.

Pursuant to Section 7 Public Procurement Act, 2015, which outlines the e-Procurement functions of the Office to include:

- Establish and manage an electronic procurement system for the public sector;
- Develop and maintain a database of public procurement statistics;

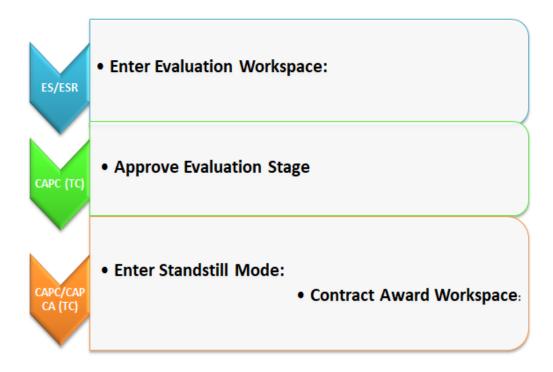
To effectively satisfy these legal requirements procurement practitioners must first be fully equipped with the relevant information to individually play their parts in achieving the objectives of the portal.

This guidance document will be the linkages between reliable raw public procurement data and how effective policy decisions are derived. Further, will provide support to procurement practitioners in the management of electronic procurement transactions published through the GOJEP platform.

For the purpose of this document, the close-out process will commence at the evaluation stage.

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MAIN TASKS AND ROLES



SUMMARY STEP:

Steps	Description/Activity	Competition
		Role: User
		Responsible
1	 Enter Evaluation Workspace: Click on task "evaluate bids" Select link "not evaluated for each bidder and enter evaluation scores" Save as final. Generate and approve evaluation report by selecting the "evaluation report" task on homepage 	ES/ESR
2	ESR only (select overall evaluation status link and enter scores to finalize)	ES/ESR
3	 Generate Evaluation Report Click on task "Generate evaluation report" In ranking workspace, select "generate evaluation report" tab 	TC (CAPC or CAPCA)
4	 Manage Evaluation Report Upload detailed version of evaluation report Select "Approve" tab 	TC (CAPC or CAPCA)
4	 Approve Evaluation Report Approve report as final or reject and request re-evaluation Provide comments from endorsement committee 	TC (Only a CAPC can approve)
5	Conclude Evaluation Result Review final evaluation ranking	TC (CAPC or CAPCA)

	Announce evaluation results to participating bidders	
	Reject and request re-evaluation if necessary	
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6	Announce Evaluation Result	TC (CAPC or
	Issue Standstill Notice	CAPCA)
	Send notification message to responsive/non-responsive	
	bidders	
7	Enter Standstill Workspace	TC (CAPC or
	Supplier Ranking	CAPCA)
	End Standstill period	
	Post Standstill results	
	 Reject and request re-evaluation if necessary 	
8	Contract Award Workspace	TC (CAPC or
	Issue contract award to successful bidder	CAPCA)
	Create and publish contract award notice	
	Create e-Contract	
	Upload signed contract using the contract management	
	feature	
	Associate/Disassociate Contract Manager	
9	Export Competition	TC (CAPC or
	Export and download core competition details	CAPCA)
	Store procurement information using a safe external	
	storage medium	
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1. ONLINE EVALUATION WORKSPACE

Two Envelope Configuration:

Envelope One

1.1 Technical Evaluation Workspace

Once the unlocking task is complete; the status of the competition is now in evaluation mode.



Figure 1: Evaluate bids

The ES user/s will receive a task to "Evaluate bids".

Select "evaluate bids" task to enter VIEW BIDS WORKSPACE.

1.2 Complete and Finalize Technical Evaluation

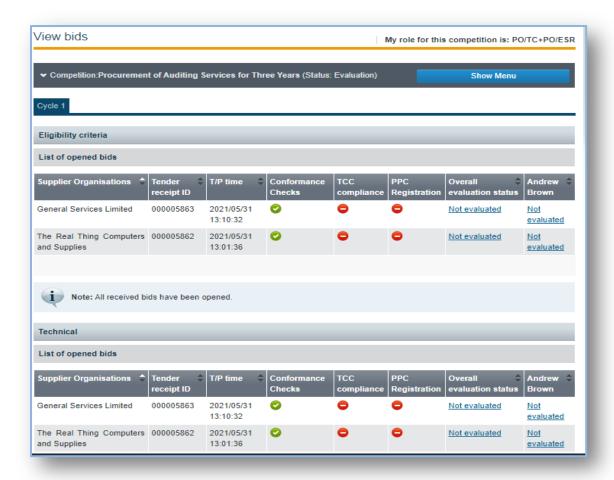


Figure 2: Display finalize evaluation link

In the above screen ES user/s must select the link "not evaluated" under the respective username/s (as shown in Fig. 2 above). Link will display Fig 3.

1.3 Enter Evaluation Score/Price:

Evaluators are required to input score (Asc) for each bidder based on the requirements previously established.

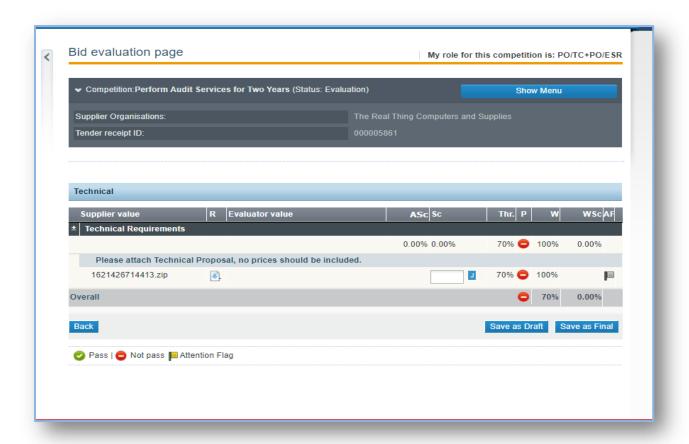


Figure 3: Enter evaluation scores/price where applicable

After completing each criterion, *save as final*; select the "back" button to return to view bid workspace until all criterion has a finalized status. Evaluator can also input a justification to support the score allotted by clicking the J on the right of the entry box.

1.4 Overall Technical Evaluation Status

Lead Evaluator (ESR) must finalize the overall evaluation status for the competition

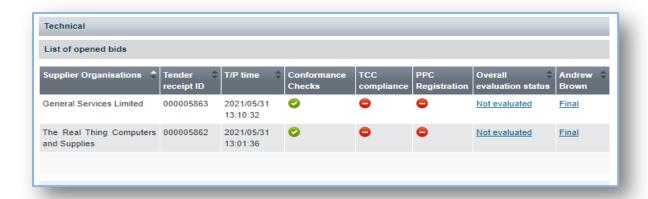


Figure 4 Finalize overall evaluation status for technical envelope

1.4.1 To finalize Evaluation Status:

- i. Select link (not evaluated at Fig 4),
- ii. Input consensus score (CSc) in the finalize technical criteria evaluation page (Fig5)
- iii. Click Finalize the Evaluation" tab (Fig. 5)

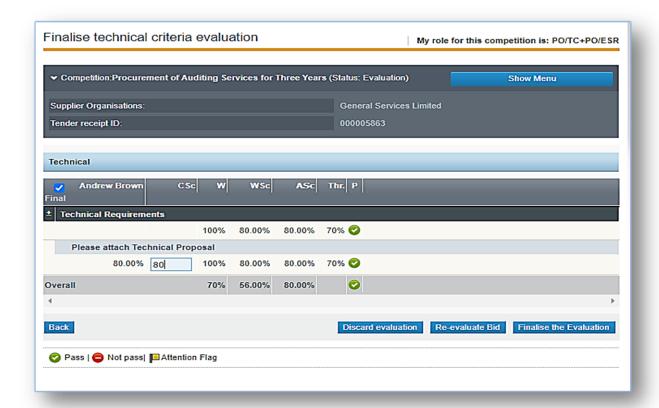


Figure 5: Input consensus score (CSc)

1.5 Evaluation Status Finalized

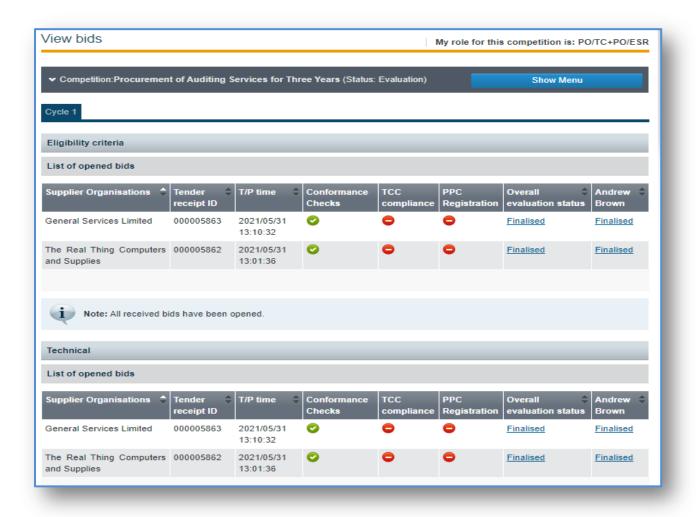


Figure 6: Evaluation finalized.

All status MUST be finalized prior to evaluation report being generated

Return to Task List by selecting the Homepage Tab

2. Technical Evaluation Ranking Stage

2.1 Generate, Manage and Approve Evaluation Report

TC user will have a task to "Generate evaluation report"



Figure 7: Select Generate evaluation Report task

2.2 View Ranking Workspace

Upon selection of task, TC user will now enter the *Ranking Workspace* (Fig.9). Bidders are ranked based on the score allocated in the evaluation scoring workspace.

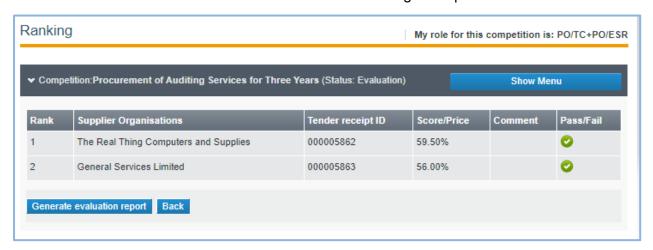


Figure 8

In the **Ranking Workspace** above, select the *Generate evaluation report* tab to enter *Manage Evaluation Report Workspace* (Fig. 10)

2.3 Manage Evaluation Report Workspace

In this workspace, TC/ESR may upload an amended/revised Evaluation Report (this is recommended). This will replace one of the system generated reports.

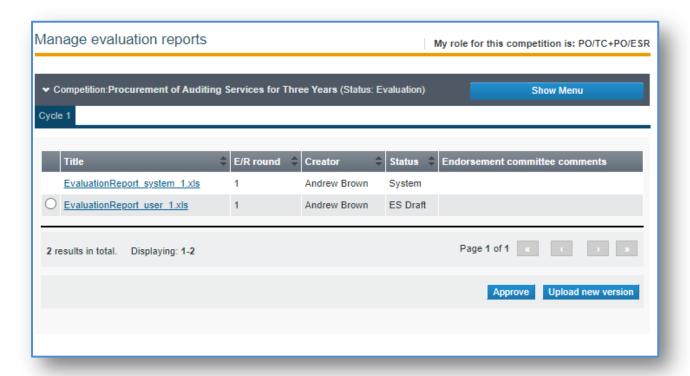


Figure 9

2.3.1 To upload a more detailed version of an approved evaluation report, follow below steps:

- i. Selecting the report with the status *ES Draft;*
- ii. Select the *Upload new version* tab at the bottom of the screen; (Fig.9)
- iii. Attached new version of report and select the *Upload* tab; (Fig.10)
- iv. Then select the **Approve** tab as appear on the bottom of screen of Fig.9.

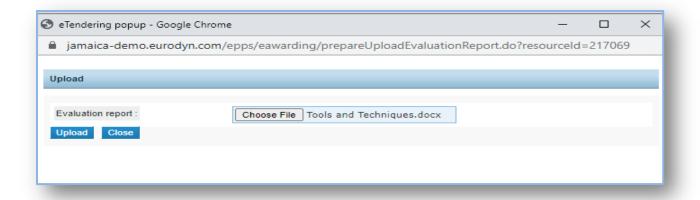


Figure 10: Once file is uploaded, TC will get the task to Manage evaluation report (Fig. 11)



Figure 11: Select "Manage evaluation report" link

2.4 Approve Evaluation Report

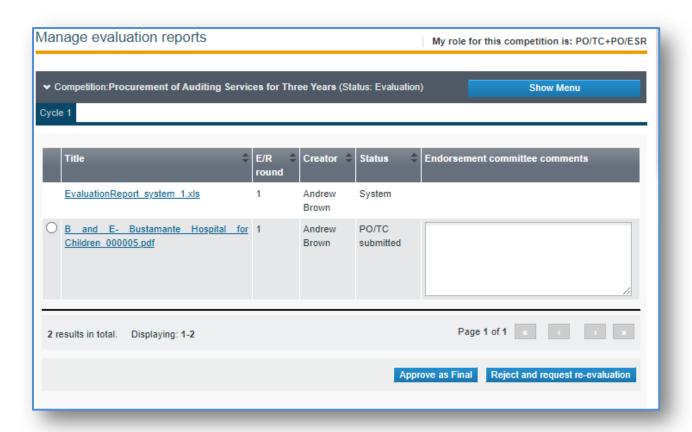


Figure 12: Approve evaluation report: TC user must insert comments from Endorsement/Procurement Committee and select the *approve report as final tab*.

TC also has the option to reject and request a re-evaluation if applicable.

Where multiple ES (evaluators) are on a competition, all evaluators will get the option to approve evaluation report.

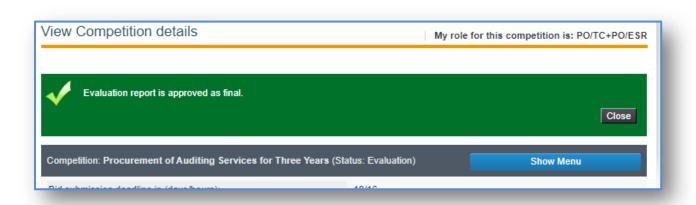


Figure 13: Report approved as final: Pop-up will be received stating:" evaluation report is approved as final"

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3 CONCLUDE EVALUATION STAGE

3.1 Conclude evaluation process

TC user will have a task to "Conclude evaluation"

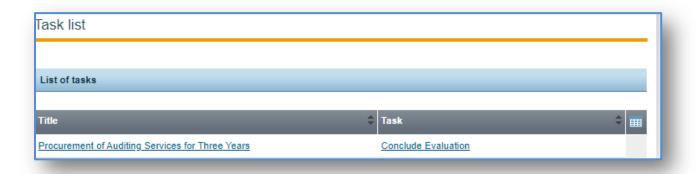


Figure 14: Select Conclude Evaluation task

Upon selection of task, TC user will now enter the **Final** *Ranking Workspace* (Fig.15) following final approval of the report by all evaluators (ES/ESR).

3.2 Final Ranking Workspace/Proceed with Announcement of Evaluation Results

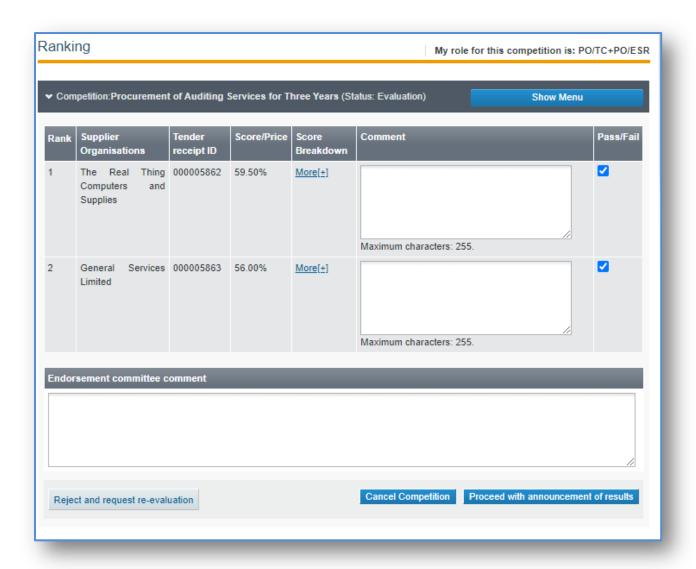


Figure 15: Select "Proceed with announcement of results" tab: Final results of the evaluation process are now ready for announced to all bidders who participated in the procurement process.

TC user can insert additional comments if necessary and select the "Proceed with announcement of results tab.

TC also has the option to *reject and request a re-evaluation* if applicable.

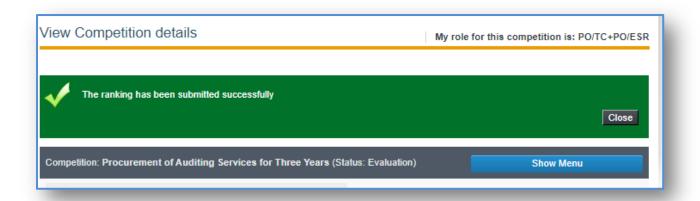


Figure 16: Final ranking submitted: Pop-up will be received stating:" ranking has been submitted successfully "

Return to Task List by selecting the *Homepage* Tab

4 ANNOUNCE EVALUATION STAGE

4.1 Announcement of final evaluation results workspace



Figure 17: Select Announce evaluation results task

Upon selection of the task, TC user will now enter the **Announce Evaluation Result** *Workspace* (Fig.18).

4.2 Announcement of Evaluation Results Workspace

In this workspace TC users are strongly recommended to attach the mandatory standstill letter/notice prior to sending notification of evaluation results to participating bidders. By selecting the *send* or *proceeding without sending notifications tab*, this will automatically invoke the standstill period pursuant to section 44 (2) of the PPA, 2015.

Announce evaluation results		My role for this competition is: PO/TC+PO/ESR
➤ Competition:Procurement of Auditing Ser	rvices for Three Years (Status: Evaluation)	Show Menu
Notification message for the Suppliers that	at qualified the evaluation phase.	
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The Real Thing Computers and Supplies Attachment:	Choose File No file chosen	
General Services Limited Attachment:	Choose File No file chosen	
Common attachment	Choose File No file chosen	
		Send Proceed without sending notifications
* Fields marked with an asterisk are mandator	у	

Figure 18: ISSUE Notification of evaluation results and standstill notice

Next Task

Supplier Ranking: This task will not appear in the task list of the TC user. Follow below steps to view supplier ranking

5 SUPPLIER RANKING

5.1 Final Supplier Ranking Space

See final ranking of qualified suppliers hitherto the post standstill period.

Steps:



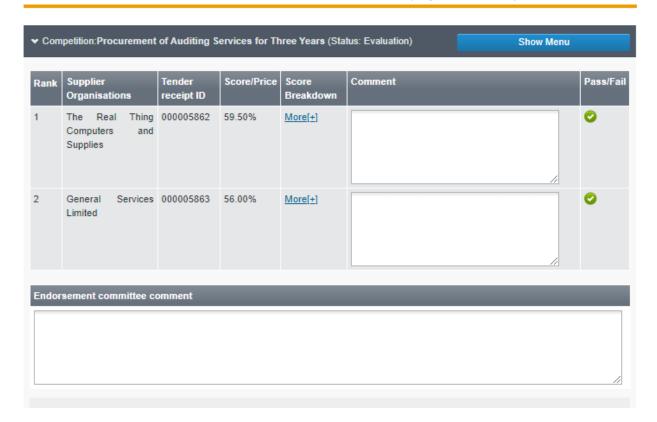


Figure 19: View final ranking page before ending standstill period

Next Task

End Standstill Period: This task will not appear in the task list of the TC user. Follow below steps to end Standstill notice

6 STANDSTILL PERIOD

6.1 End Standstill period workspace

Upon expiration of the standstill and where there is no bidder challenge, TC user must end standstill period to complete electronic evaluation process.

Steps:

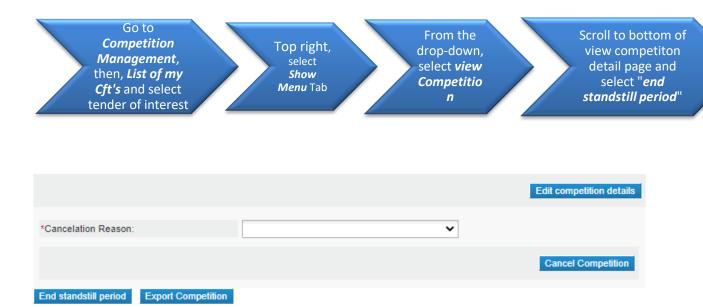


Figure 20: View Competition page, select "End standstill period" tab

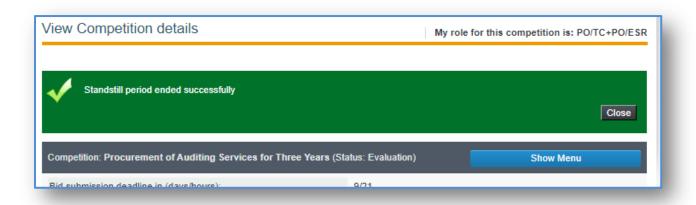


Figure 21: Standstill period successfully ended

Return to Task List by selecting the *Homepage* Tab

7 POST STANDSTILL RANKING

7.1 Post standstill ranking results workspace

TC user will have a task to "enter post standstill result"



Figure 22: Select Post Standstill Ranking task

Upon selection of the task, TC user will now enter the **Post Standing Ranking Workspace** (Fig.23).

7.2 Post Standing Ranking Workspace

Workspace provides the option to amend the supplier ranking, subsequent to the results of the standstill period. Where there were no bidder challenges, the ranking remains, however, where an outcome of a standstill changes the recommended results, the TC user is required to reflect change in this workspace prior to saving as final.

Should the recommendation change, the evaluation process should be rejected and reevaluated.

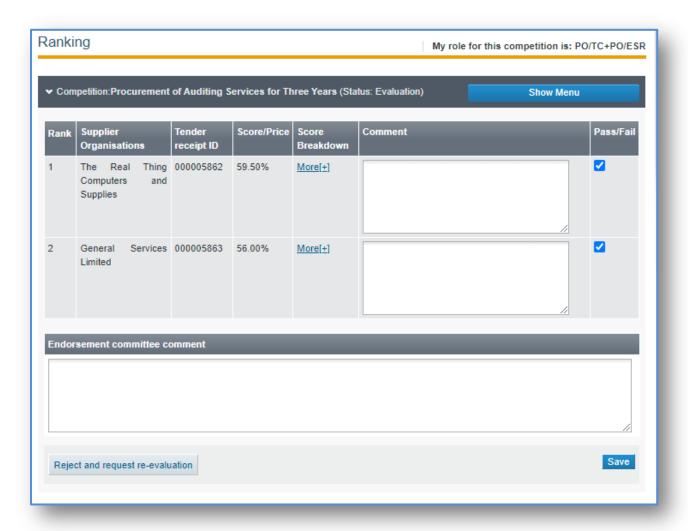


Figure 23: Reflect Post Standstill Ranking

7.3 Successful Completion of the Eligibility and Technical Evaluation Stage

7.3.1 Post standstill ranking completed successfully.

Finalization of the post standing ranking will advance the process to the unlocking of financial envelope in a two envelope tender process.

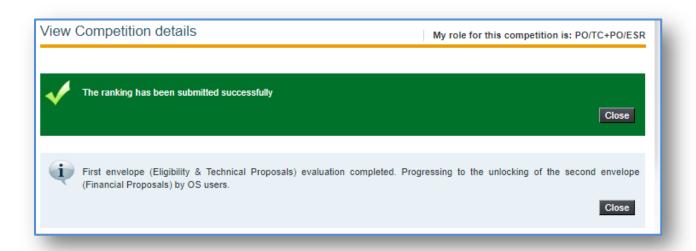


Figure 24: Post standing ranking submitted successfully

8 EVALUATION OF ENVELOPE TWO

8.1 Financial Opening Workspace

Tender openers (PO/OS) will have a task to unlock bids.

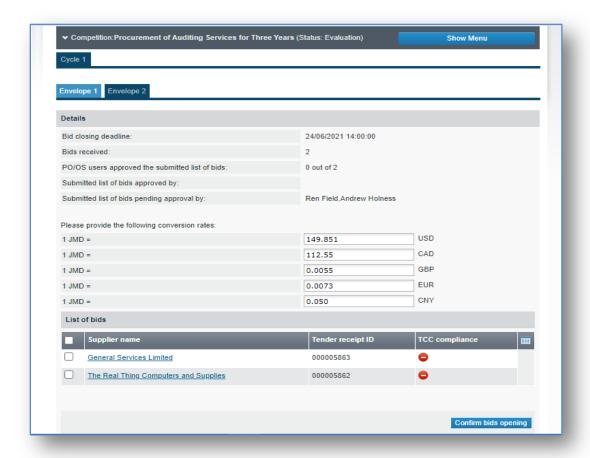


Figure 25: envelope 2-unlocking page

8.2 Financial Evaluation Workspace

Once the above unlocking task is confirmed; the status of the competition is now in financial evaluation mode.

Task list



Figure 26: Evaluate bids task

Select "evaluate bids" task to enter VIEW FINANCIAL BIDS WORKSPACE.

8.3 Complete and Finalize Financial Evaluation

ES/ESR user must select the link "not evaluated" under the financial envelope (as shown in Fig. 27 below). Link will display Fig 29.

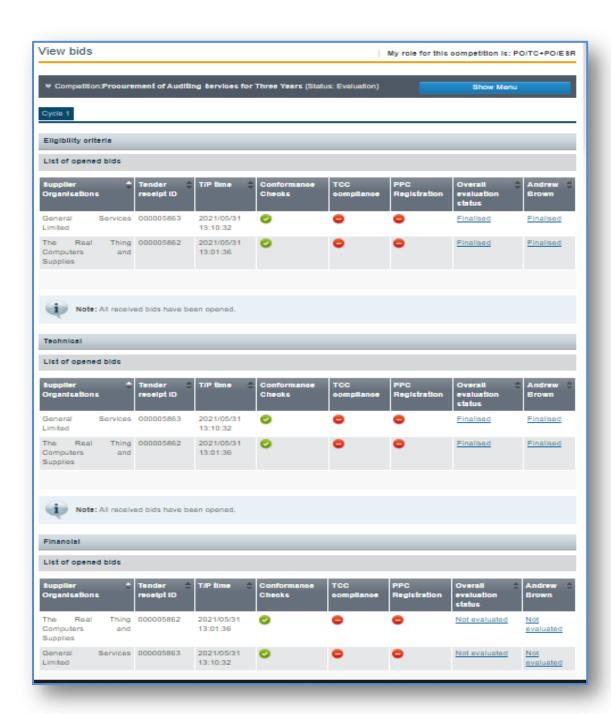


Figure 27: Display evaluate link for financial envelope

8.4 How to Access Financial Proposal

To access financial proposal as attached by the bidder, Evaluators (ES/ESR) should click on the icon as shown in Fig 28.



Figure 28: Displaying how to download financial proposal

8.5 Bid Evaluation Page

8.5.1 Validate Financial Proposal

Evaluators (ES/ESR) are required to validate the financial cost as displayed against the attached proposal for correctness. Where there are discrepancies between the two, the cost as submitted on the attached proposal supersedes the sum as displayed. ES/ESR should make the amendment and insert a justification (J) to support the amendment.

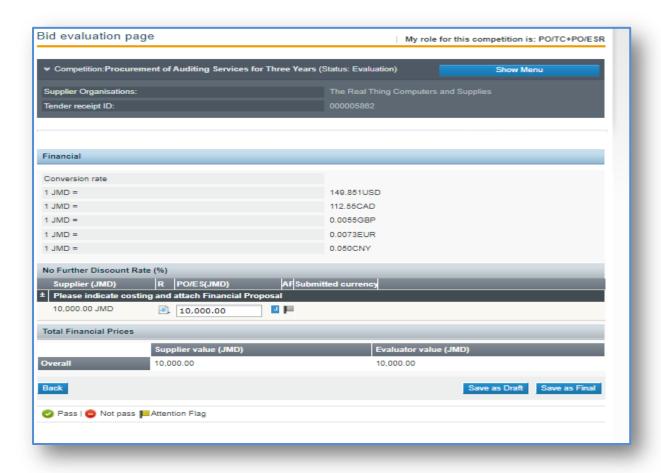


Figure 29: After completing each criterion, save as final, select the "back" button to return to view bid workspace until all criterion has a finalized status.

8.6 Overall Financial Evaluation Status

Lead Evaluator (ESR) must finalize the overall evaluation status for the competition

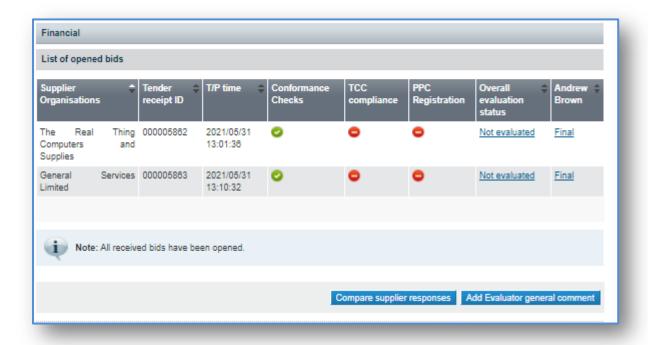


Figure 30: Finalize overall evaluation status for financial envelope

8.6.1 To finalize Financial Evaluation Status:

- iv. Select link (not evaluated at Fig 30),
- v. Finalize financial criteria evaluation (Fig 31)
- vi. Click Finalize the Evaluation tab (Fig. 5)

8.7 Finalize Financial Criteria Workspace

In this workspace ES/ESR user can discard evaluation, request re-evaluation or proceed to finalize the financial evaluation.

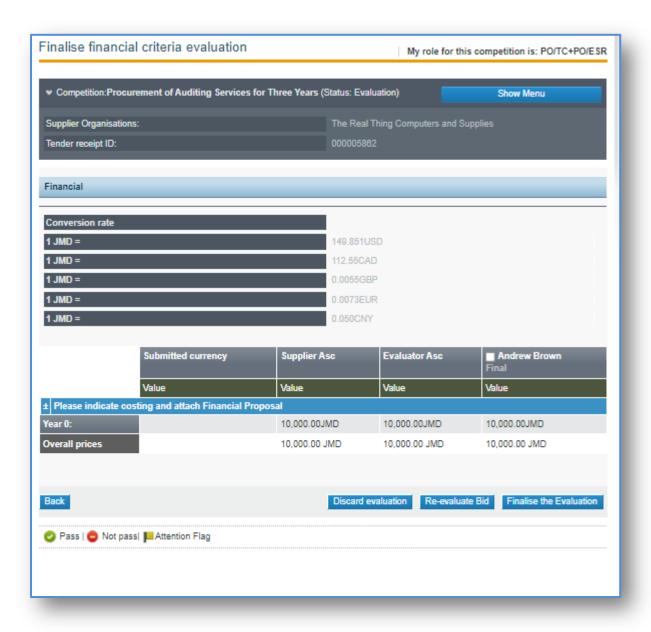


Figure 31: Finalize financial criteria evaluation page

8.8 Financial Evaluation Ranking

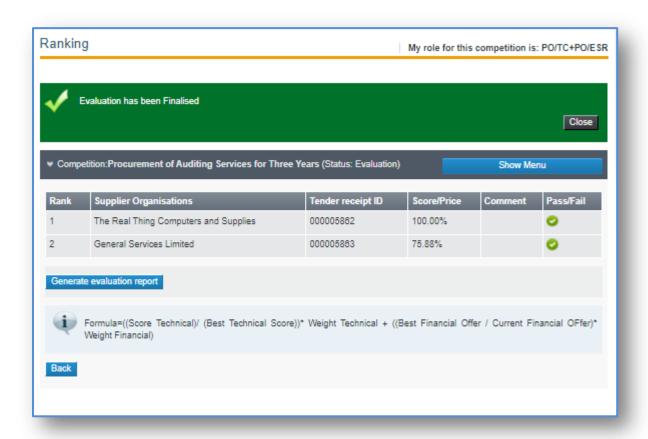


Figure 31: Financial evaluation finalized successfully

8.9 Finalized Evaluation Status for Technical and Financial	
All status MUST be finalized prior to evaluation report being generated	

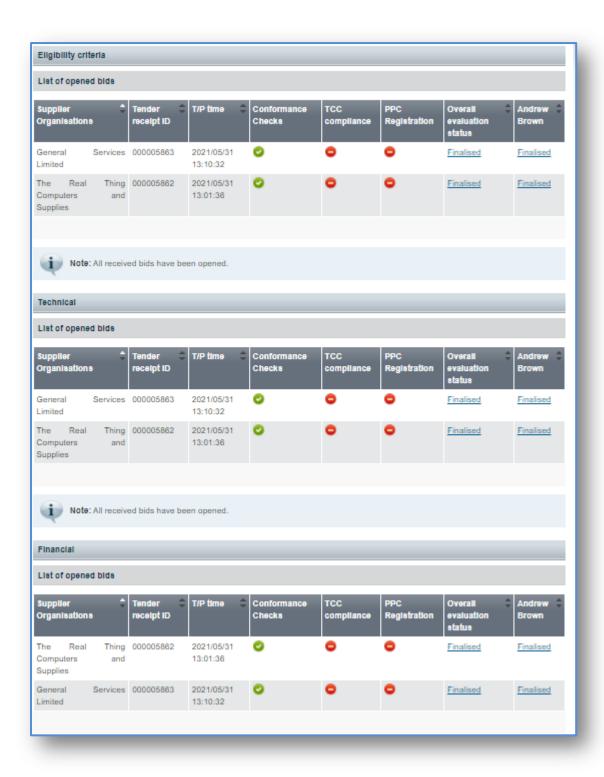


Figure 32: All envelopes finalized

- 9 Financial Evaluation Ranking Stage
- 9.1 Generate, Manage and Approve Financial Evaluation Report



10 Contract Award Workspace

10.1 Contract award task

TC user will have a task to "award contract" to successful bidder



Figure 32: Select Award Contract task

10.2 Issue contract award to bidder

In this workspace, the information for the successful bidder will be pre-populated. TC should still ensure that the information being displayed is correct prior to issuing. Following this verification, TC should select the "save" button.

The successful bidder will now have a task to "accept" or "decline" the contract award.

Until this task is completed by the successful bidder, the TC user will be restricted from publishing the contract award notice.

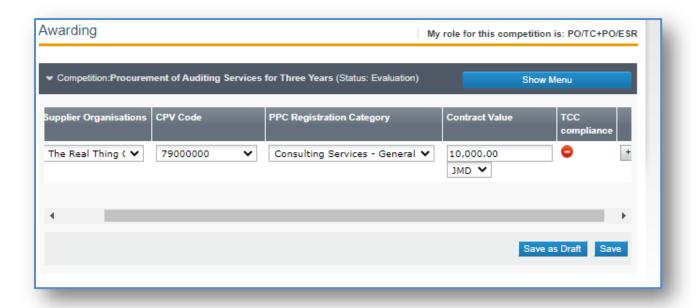


Figure 33: Verifying contract award information

Where more than one contract will be award within the same process, TC should select the + sign to the right to add additional award fields.

AWAITING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
AWARD FROM SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

11 CONTRACT NOTICE WORKSPACE

11.1 Publish Contract Award Notice

TC user will have a task to "Publish Contract Award Notice" to successful bidder

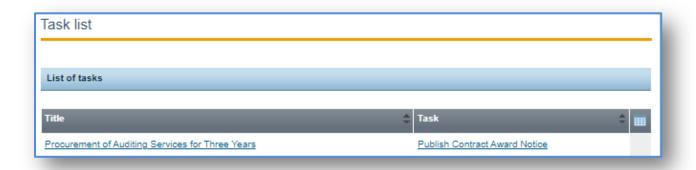


Figure 34: Select Publish contract award notice task

11.2 Create Notice

In the notice workspace, TC should select the "create notice" tab to commence form module creation (Fig.35 and 36)

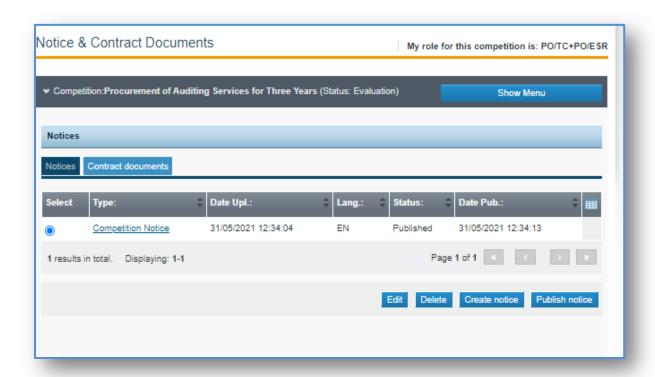


Figure 35: Create contract award notice

Forms Module

Notice is created using a forms module. Select notice form name and click on the forms module tab.

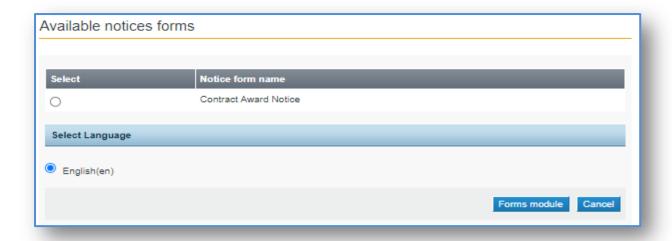


Figure 36: Notice forms module view

11.2.1 Create Contract Award Notice

Information in the notice is pre-populated. TC will, however be mandated to input an estimate delivery date.

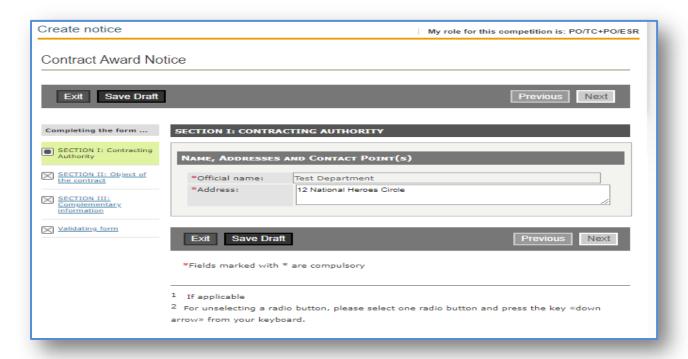


Figure 37: Create contract award notice page. Select the "Next" tab

11.2.2 Create Contract Award Notice (Cont'd)

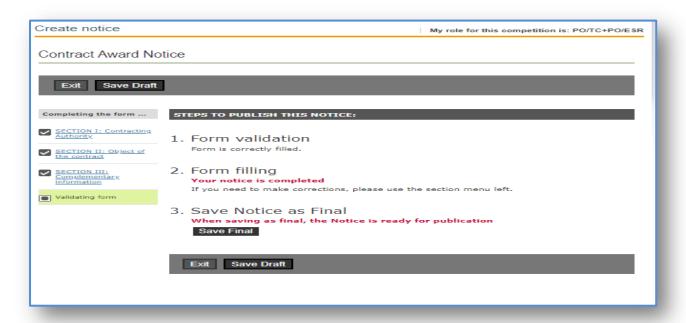


Figure 38: Create contract award notice page. Select the "save final" tab

11.3 Publish Contract Award Notice

Select notice to be published, then select "publish notice" tab

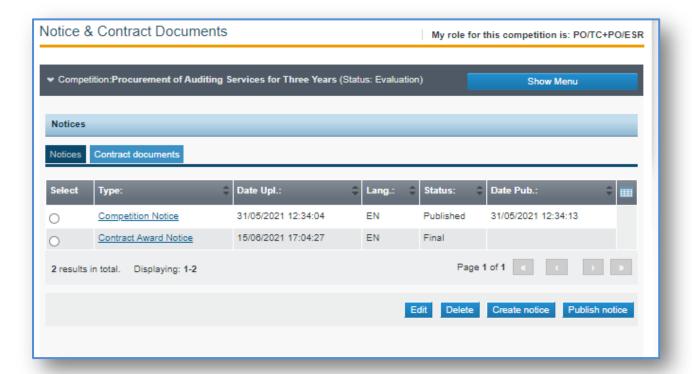


Figure 39: Publish contract award notice page. Select the "publish notice" tab

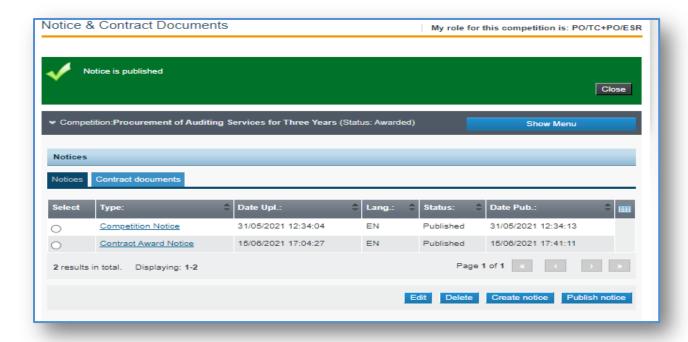


Figure 40: Notice published successfully

12 CREATE CONTRAT WORKSPACE

12.1 Contract Creation

TC user will have a task to "Create Contract"



Figure 41: Select create contact task

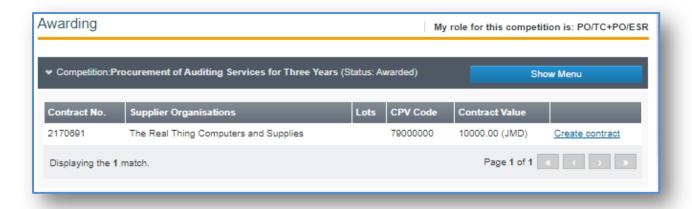


Figure 42: Select: "create contract" link to manage contract

12.2Manage Contract

TC users can upload the signed contract in the contract management workspace. User can also include schedule of payment information, manage variation, fluctuation and document any issues or challenges during the contract execution stage.

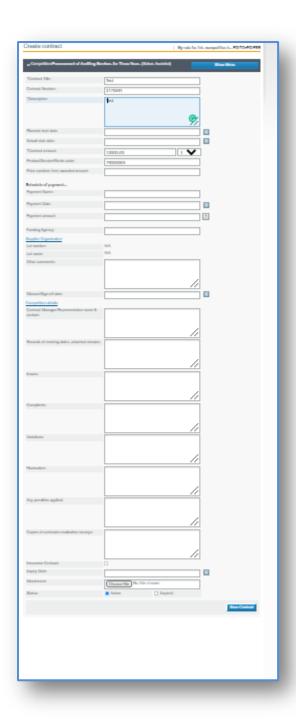


Figure 43: Input information in all fields with a red asterisk. Select "save contract" tab. Contract can be handed over to a contract manager or supervisor if applicable.

The system has simplified contract management feature, where users have the leverage to assign and hand-over the contract for management/monitoring responsibilities. It is important to note, the assigned Contract Manager must first be set-up and activated in the system prior to assignment.

Once the save contract button is selected, at the top right of the page, select the show menu tab (Fig44) and click on associated contract managers.

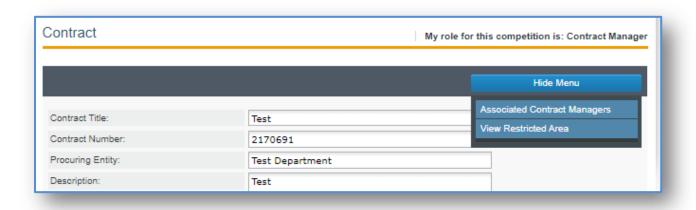


Figure 44: Contract can be handed over to a contract manager for execution

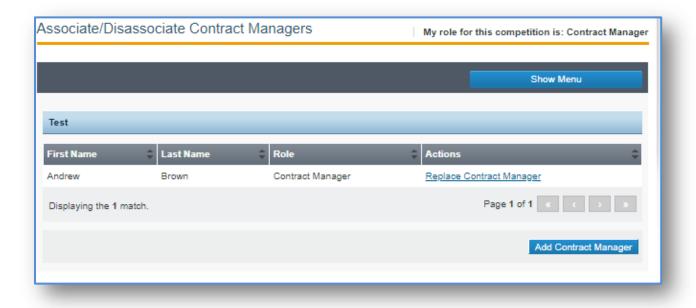


Figure 45: Select the "add contract manager" tab and associate relevant manager.

14 EXPORT COMPETITON

TC users are recommended to export procurement transactions as part of the contract close-out process. Information can be exported and stored using an appropriate electronic storage device as part of the entity's procurement record management.

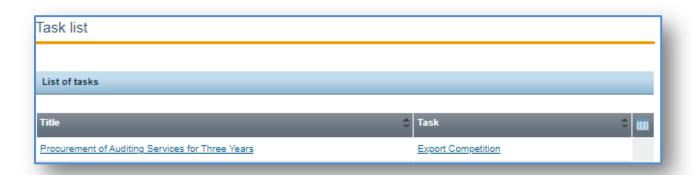


Figure 46: Select export competition task-in the view competition details page, scroll to bottom of the page and select the export competition tab.

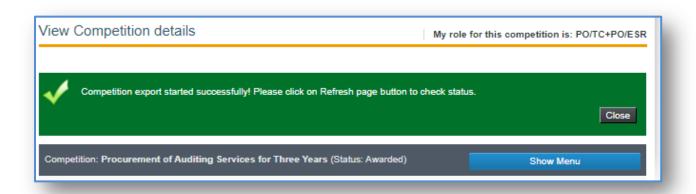


Figure 47: Export competition start

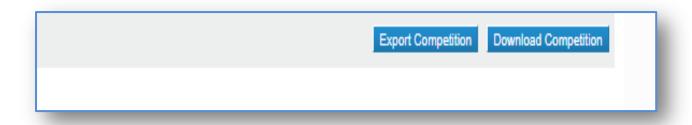


Figure 48: Once refresh process is complete, scroll to bottom of page and select the Download Competition tab

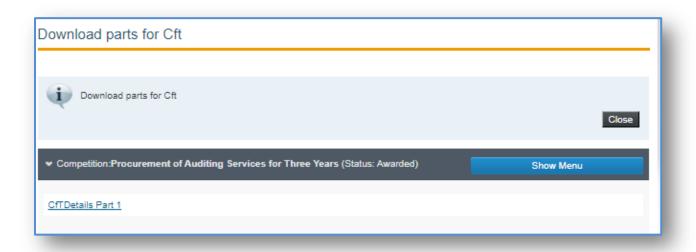


Figure 49: Export complete. Competition is now ready for downloaded.

15 OFFLINE EVALUATION WORKSPACE

15.1 Offline Evaluation Workspace

Once the unlocking task is complete, the status of the competition is now in evaluation mode.

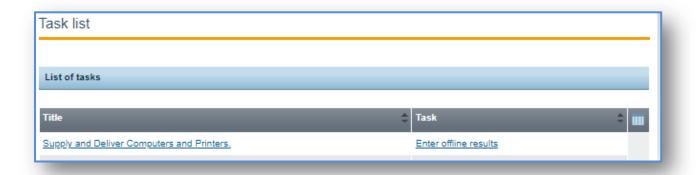


Figure 50: Evaluate bids

Select	"Enter offline results" to enter Offline Evaluation Result" Workspace
15.2	Enter Offline Evaluation Results Workspace
Three	actions are required in this workspace by the TC:
i.	Download bid response/s (click on yellow box under uploaded file section).
ii.	Enter price or score, upon conclusion of the evaluation process.
iii.	Scroll across page to select currency and approve/reject (Fig52)

Upload additional document/s material such as the detailed evaluation report.

iv.

The ES/ESR user will receive a task to "enter offline results"

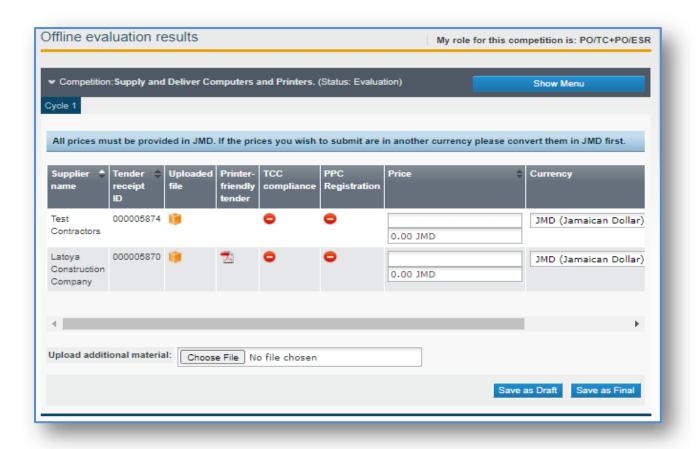


Figure 51: After completing the above actions, select the save as final button.

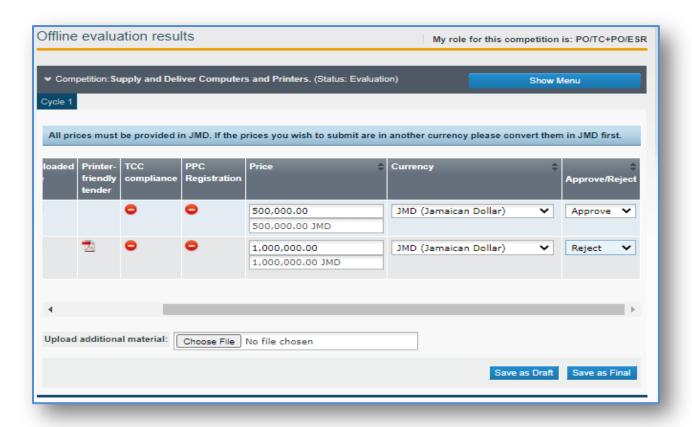


Figure 52: Select currency and approve/reject the bidder

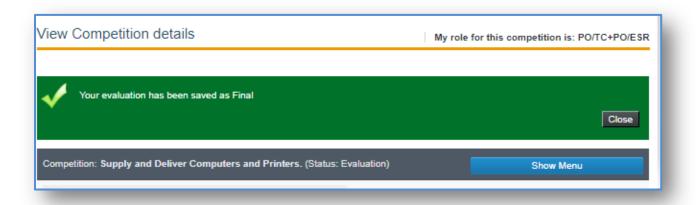


Figure 53: Pop-up will received stating "evaluation saved as final"

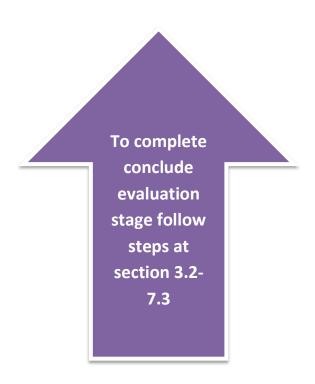
16 CONCLUDE EVALUATION WORKSPACE

16.1 Offline Evaluation Workspace

TC (CAPC only) user will have a task to "Conclude evaluation"



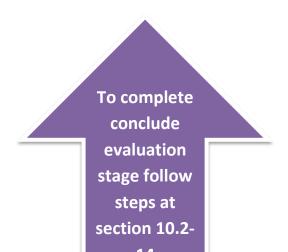
Figure 54: Select "Conclude Evaluation task



17 CONTRACT AWARD WORKSPACE

Task list	
List of tasks	
Title \$\diamonds\$	Task 🗘 🏢
Supply and Deliver Computers and Printers.	Award contracts

Figure 55: Select contract award task



18 OTHER CONFIGURATION:

18.1 Two Stage Bidding Process

Where a two stage tender was configured, upon the conclusion of the post standstill ranking as shown in Figures 22-24, the TC user will get a task to "start new cycle". This cycle will entail a new round of tendering activities such has dispatching of invitation, tender submission and evaluation.

Once the task is selected, the option to "create new invitation" will appear. Users are required to populate the invitation page and sent invitation to short bidders.

Provision of Ship Handling and Management Services Start New Cycle

Figure 56: Task to start new cycle in a two stage tender process.

18.1.1 Define Evaluation Stage

TC user-Define criteria for receiving and evaluating stage of the tender process



Figure 57: Define evaluation criteria task. <u>In a one stage tender process, the option to send invitation would appear.</u>

18.1.2 Evaluation Criteria page

TC user must select the appropriate modality for submission of bid packages, then, go next

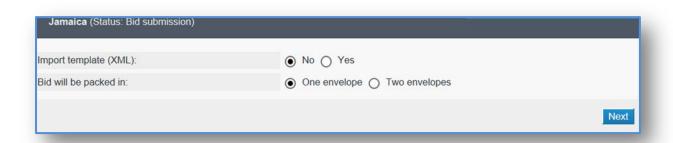


Figure 57: Select package, then, go "next"

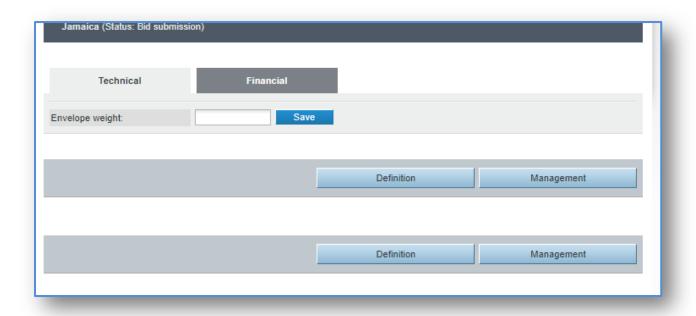


Figure 58: Define criteria page. When complete, click on the management tab to validate set-up, then save as final.

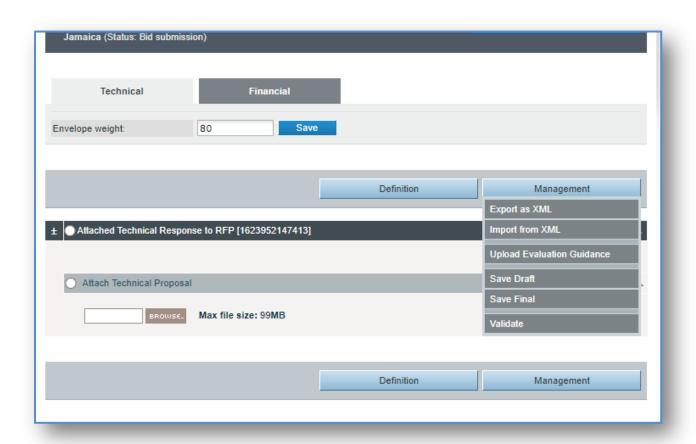


Figure 59: Sample define page

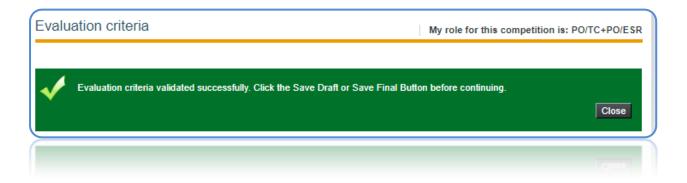


Figure 60: Successful validation

18.1.3 New Invitation Workspace

TC user will get the task to "Send invitation" to shortlisted or prequalified bidders



Figure 61: Send Invitation Task

18.1.4 Create Invitation

Create Invitation and send invitation to prequalifies bidders

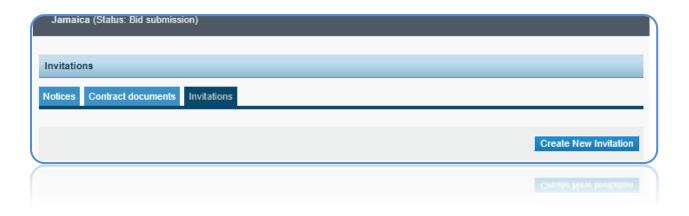


Figure 62: Select "Create New Invitation" tab

18.1.5 Send Invitation

Name of pre-qualified companies will be pre-populated by portal in the organizations field. All fields with a red asterisk must be completed, thereafter, attach the tender document.

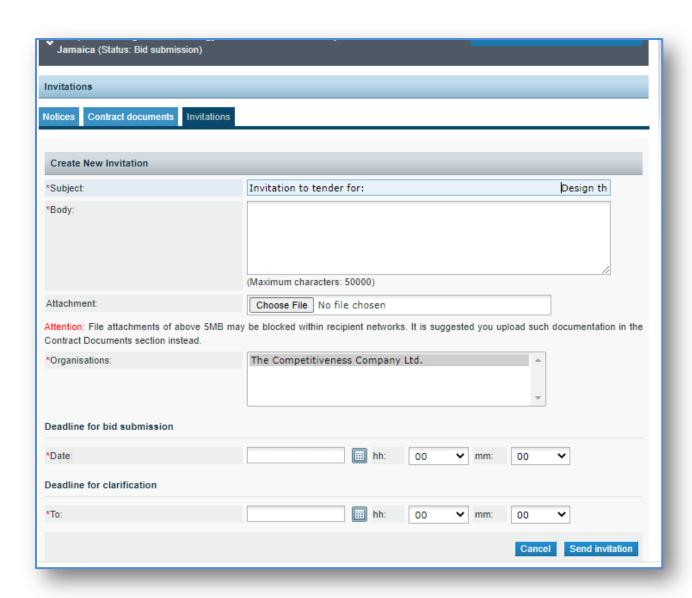
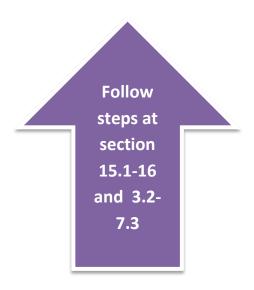


Figure 63: Select "Send Invitation" tab

18.2 Restricted and Single Source Process

To complete evaluation and close- out follow below steps:



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