March 27, 2015

His Excellency
Mr. Iván Acosta
Minister of Finance and Public Credit
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Managua, Nicaragua

Re: NICARAGUA: Education Sector Strategy Support Project (GPE Fund II Trust Fund
Grant No. TF013232)

Additional Instructions: AMENDED Disbursement Letter

I refer to the Grant Agreement ("Agreement") between the Republic of Nicaragua (the Recipient) and the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of the Global Partnership for Education Fund II Trust Fund ("GPE Fund II Trust Fund"), for the above-referenced Project, dated April 20, 2013. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Grant TF013232 ("Grant"). This letter ("Disbursement Letter"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

This letter is the First Restatement of the Disbursement Letter dated April 20, 2013 for the above referenced project, restating Section II, paragraphs (iii) and (iv) to authorize the use of secure identification credentials ("SIDC"), paragraph (vi) to modify DA ceiling from fixed to variable and Section III, paragraph (i) to eliminate the SOE limits. Additionally, the Terms and Conditions of Use of "SIDC" is included as attachment. All other provisions and attachments of Disbursement Letter dated April 20, 2013, except as amended, shall remain in force and effect.

The World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006, ("Disbursement Guidelines"), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Grant is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the Grant:

- Reimbursement
- Advances
- Direct Payment
(ii) **Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7).** The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Grant Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

(iii) **Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8).** Please refer to the Disbursement Condition(s) in Article III, section 3.02 of the Grant Agreement.

II. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

(i) **Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).** A letter in the Form attached should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

   The World Bank
   1818 H Street, N.W.
   Washington, DC 20433
   United States of America
   Attention: J. Humberto Lopez, Country Director

(ii) **Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3).** Please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, to the address indicated below:

   Banco Mundial
   Sector Comercial Norte,
   Quadra 02, Lote A
   Edificio Corporate Finance Center
   7º Andar
   70712-900 Brasilia, D.F.
   Brazil
   Attention: Loan Department

(iii) **Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4)** The Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the Bank’s Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials (“SIDC”) from the Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the Bank agrees, the Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection ([https://clientconnection.worldbank.org)](https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.
(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation ("Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials") provided in Attachment 1; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications is US$150,000 for Direct Payments and Reimbursements.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6) to the Administrative and Financial General Division (AFGD) of the Ministry of Education (MINED)

- **Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):** Segregated
- **Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):** United States Dollars
- **Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5):** Central Bank of Nicaragua
- **Ceiling (subsection 6.1):** Variable ceiling based on the Forecast for the next period

III. Reporting on Use of Grant Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- **For requests for Reimbursement:**
  - Statement of Expenditure; and,
  - List of payments for contract subject to prior review.

- **For requests for Advances to a Designated Account:**
  - Statement of Expenditure;
  - List of payments for contract subject to prior review; and,
  - Designated Account Activity Statement with a copy of the Designated Account Bank Statement.
• For requests for Direct Payment: records evidencing eligible expenditures (e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices).

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3): Quarterly

V. Other Important Information


If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (http://clientconnection.worldbank.org). From this website you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact Yolaina G.Montoya ymontoya@worldbank.org of the World Bank Nicaragua country office.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the World Bank Loan Department by sending an email to loa_lcr@worldbank.org and placing the grant number and name in the subject line.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Finance Officer
Finance and Accounting – WFAFO

Attachments

The World Bank (Bank)\(^1\) will provide secure identification credentials (SIDC) to permit the Borrower\(^2\) to deliver applications for withdrawal and applications for special commitments under the Agreement(s) and supporting documentation (such applications and supporting documentation together referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Use as Applications) to the Bank electronically, on the terms and conditions of use specified herein.

SIDC can be either: (a) hardware-based (Physical Token), or (b) software-based (Soft Token). The Bank reserves the right to determine which type of SIDC is most appropriate.

**A. Identification of Users.**

1. The Borrower will be required to identify in a completed Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL) duly delivered to and received by the Bank each person who will be authorized to deliver Applications. The Bank will provide SIDC to each person identified in the ASL (Signatory), as provided below. The Borrower shall also immediately notify the Bank if a Signatory is no longer authorized by the Borrower to act as a Signatory.

2. Each Signatory must register as a user on the Bank’s Client Connection (CC) website (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org) prior to receipt of his/her SIDC. Registration on CC will require that the Signatory establish a CC password (CC Password). The Signatory shall not reveal his/her CC Password to anyone or store or record the CC Password in written or other form. Upon registration as a CC user, the Signatory will be assigned a unique identifying account name.

**B. Initialization of SIDC.**

1. Prior to initialization of SIDC by a Signatory, the Signatory will acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions of Use.

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\(^1\) “Bank” includes IBRD and IDA.

\(^2\) “Borrower” includes the borrower of an IBRD loan, IDA credit, or Project Preparation Facility advance and the recipient of a grant.
2. Where a Physical Token is to be used, promptly upon receipt of the Physical Token, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Physical Token, after which the Physical Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Where a Soft Token is to be used, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Soft Token, after which the Soft Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Upon initialization of the SIDC, the Signatory will be a “SIDC User”. The Bank will maintain in its database a user account (Account) for each SIDC User for purposes of managing the SIDC of the SIDC User. Neither the Borrower nor the SIDC User will have any access to the Account.

3. Prior to first use of the SIDC by the SIDC User, the Borrower shall ensure that the SIDC User has received training materials provided by the Bank in use of the SIDC.

C. Use of SIDC.

1. Use of the SIDC is strictly limited to use in the delivery of Applications by the SIDC User in the manner prescribed by the Bank in the Agreement(s) and these Terms and Conditions. Any other use of the SIDC is prohibited.

2. The Bank assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any misuse of the SIDC by the SIDC User, other representatives of the Borrower, or third parties.

3. The Borrower undertakes to ensure, and represents and warrants to the Bank (such representation and warranty being expressly relied upon by the Bank in granting SIDC) that each SIDC User understands and will abide by, these Terms and Conditions of Use, including without limitation the following:

4. Security

4.1. The SIDC User shall not reveal his/her PIN to anyone or store or record the PIN in written or other form.

4.2. The SIDC User shall not allow anyone else to utilize his/her SIDC to deliver an Application to the Bank.

4.3. The SIDC User shall always logout from CC when not using the system. Failure to logout properly can create a route into the system that is unprotected.
4.4. If the SIDC User believes a third party has learned his/her PIN or has lost his/her Physical Token he/she shall immediately notify clientconnection@worldbank.org.

4.5. The Borrower shall immediately notify the Bank at clientconnection@worldbank.org of any lost, stolen or compromised SIDC, and take other reasonable steps to ensure such SIDC are disabled immediately.

5. Reservation of Right to Disable SIDC

5.1. The Borrower shall reserve the right to revoke the authorization of a SIDC User to use a SIDC for any reason.

5.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to temporarily or permanently disable a SIDC, de-activate a SIDC User's Account or both.

6. Care of Physical Tokens

6.1. Physical Tokens will remain the property of the Bank.

6.2. The Bank will physically deliver a Physical Token to each Signatory designated to receive one in a manner to be determined by and satisfactory to the Bank.

6.3. Physical Tokens contain delicate and sophisticated instrumentation and therefore should be handled with due care, and should not be immersed in liquids, exposed to extreme temperatures, crushed or bent. Also, Physical Tokens should be kept more than five (5) cm from devices that generate electromagnetic radiation (EMR), such as mobile phones, phone-enabled PDAs, smart phones and other similar devices. Physical Tokens should be carried and stored separate from any EMR device. At close range (less than 5 cm), these devices can output high levels of EMR that can interfere with the proper operation of electronic equipment, including the Physical Token.

6.4. Without derogating from these Terms and Conditions of Use, other technical instructions on the proper use and care of Physical Tokens are available at http://www.rsa.com.

7. Replacement

7.1. Lost, damaged, compromised (in terms of 4.5, above) or destroyed Physical Tokens will be replaced at the expense of the Borrower.

7.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to replace any Physical Token in the case of misuse, or not to reactivate a SIDC User's Account.