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Classification Framework Standards for Outsourced Engineering Enterprises (Industry Standards) (Trial)

Chapter I Aims and Purposes

Article 1 These Standards are formulated to better meet the needs of domestic and foreign governments, financial institutions, project owners, etc. to understand the performance, strength and relevant professional qualifications of enterprises, guide member enterprises to engage in projects that are commensurate with their strength and performance, and maintain the image of Chinese enterprises.

Article 2 These standards are applicable to enterprises that participate in overseas contracted projects and related investment projects by bidding (negotiation), hereinafter referred to as enterprises.

Article 3 This standard mainly refers to the database of overseas project implementation of industry enterprises, evaluates enterprises according to the performance, comprehensive strength and credit status of overseas projects of enterprises, and the relevant professional qualifications of enterprises in China.

Article 4 At this stage, this standard adopts a comprehensive and hierarchical evaluation method. In the future, according to the development situation of the industry and the needs of business development, enterprises will be classified according to professional categories on the basis of comprehensive grading.

Chapter II Classification Standards and Conditions

Article 5 Considering the performance, experience, strength, credit rating and domestic professional qualification of the enterprise's overseas implementation project, the enterprise shall be classified according to the four levels A, B, C and D.

- (I) Class A enterprises should meet the following basic conditions:
- 1. Projects under construction or completion in not less than 10 countries and regions abroad;
- 2. In the past three years, no less than five overseas general contract projects with a single contract amount of 100 million US dollars or more have been completed according to the requirements of the contract, or the cumulative turnover of overseas general contract projects shall not be less than 1 billion US dollars;
- 3. When engaging in overseas business activities, enterprises strictly abide by relevant laws and regulations, meet the requirements of project quality, safety, environmental protection, etc., and actively fulfill their social responsibilities. In the past three years, there have been no major contract breaches, quality and safety accidents and other bad records in overseas business;
 - 4. Enterprise industry credit rating 3A;
- 5. For engineering construction enterprises, they shall have the special/first-level or design level A qualification issued by the competent department of housing and urban and rural construction or other relevant departments.
 - (II) Class B enterprises should meet the following basic conditions:
 - 1. Projects under construction or completion in no less than five countries and regions abroad;
- 2. In the past three years, no less than five overseas general contracting or subcontracting projects with a single contract amount of 50 million US dollars or more have been completed according to the requirements of the contract, or the cumulative turnover of overseas project general contracting or subcontracting projects shall not be less than 500 million US dollars;
- 3. When engaging in overseas business activities, enterprises strictly abide by relevant laws and regulations, meet the requirements of project quality, safety, environmental protection, etc., and actively fulfill their social responsibilities. In the past three years, there have been no major contract breaches, quality and safety accidents and other bad records in overseas business;
 - 4. Enterprise industry credit rating 2A and above;
- 5. For engineering construction enterprises, they shall have the special/first-level or design level A qualification issued by the competent department of housing and urban and rural construction or other relevant departments.
 - (III) Class C enterprises should meet the following basic conditions:
 - 1. Projects under construction or completion in no less than 3 countries and regions abroad;
- 2. In the past three years, no less than three overseas project general contracting or subcontracting projects with a single contract amount of 30 million US dollars or more have been completed according to the requirements of the contract, or the cumulative turnover of overseas project general contracting or subcontracting projects shall not be less than 100 million US dollars;
- 3. The overseas business activities of enterprises strictly abide by relevant laws and regulations, meet the requirements for project quality, safety, environmental protection and other aspects, and actively fulfill their social responsibilities. In the past three years, there have been no major contract breaches, quality and safety accidents and other bad records in overseas business;
 - 4. Enterprise industry credit rating A and above;
- 5. For engineering construction enterprises, they shall have the qualifications of Grade II or above issued by the competent department of housing and urban and rural development or other relevant departments.
 - (IV) Class D enterprises should meet the following basic conditions:
- 1. In the past three years, no less than three overseas general contracting or subcontracting projects with a single contract amount of 5 million US dollars or more have been completed as required by the contract, or the cumulative turnover of overseas general contracting or subcontracting projects shall not be less than 20 million US dollars;
- 2. The overseas business activities of enterprises strictly abide by relevant laws and regulations. In the past three years, there have been no major contract breaches, quality and safety accidents and other bad records.
- 3. For engineering construction enterprises, they shall have the qualifications of Grade II or above issued by the competent department of housing and urban and rural development or other relevant departments.

Article 6 For enterprises that temporarily fail to meet the requirements of the above four grade conditions, the contractor will establish a guidance mechanism to encourage and support enterprises to cooperate with other enterprises in the industry by means of subcontracting, consortia, etc., and gradually improve the strength, performance and credit rating of the enterprise.

Chapter III Procedure Provisions for Classification

Article 7 According to the development situation of the industry and the needs of work, the contractor will organize and set up expert review committees and special working groups to carry out relevant work in the grading and evaluation of enterprises.

Article 8 The special working group is composed of the leaders of the competent contractors' association and representatives of relevant departments. It is mainly responsible for data collection, information review, the submission of preliminary results of enterprise classification, organization of expert review meetings, publicity of grading results, and release of the results.

Article 9 The expert evaluation committee shall be composed of representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, the Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission and other competent government departments, financial institutions, president units, governing units and third-party credit information institutions, etc. The results of the classification of enterprises shall be deliberated and determined through the evaluation meeting.

Article 10 The special working group will enter the enterprise grade determined in accordance with the procedural provisions into the coordination database of foreign contracted projects to form a

directory of enterprise classification.

Article 11 If an enterprise objects to the graded results announced by the contractor, it may file a written complaint with the expert judging committee and state the reasons. Upon receipt of the complaint, the expert judging committee will review and reply within 10 working days.

Chapter IV Application of Graded Grade

Article 12 When carrying out relevant project coordination, recommending enterprises to participate intergovernmental cooperation projects and projects using Chinese funds, contractors will give priority to supporting enterprises with high grades with reference to these standards on the basis of following the relevant coordination regulations of the Chamber of Commerce.

Article 13 The contractor will publish and recommend this standard and enterprise classification directory to relevant domestic government departments, embassies abroad, financial institutions, foreign embassies (consulates), project owners, international multilateral development financial institutions, international organizations, etc. according to the needs of the work.

Article 14 The contractor will be able to issue corresponding certification materials according to these standards and the enterprise classification list at the request of the enterprise. For relevant requirements, please refer to the Interim Measures for Handling Credit Certification and Letters of Recommendation of Member Enterprises.

Chapter V Adjustment of Grades

Article 15 The contractor will dynamically adjust the classification of the enterprise according to the business development, credit rating and professional qualification changes of the enterprise. Enterprises can apply for a change of ratings if they meet the relevant requirements.

Article 16 In the process of carrying out business abroad, if an enterprise has a major breach of contract, quality and safety accidents, is punished by the competent government department or industry organization, and other bad records, the expert evaluation committee will have the right to downgrade the enterprise through the voting procedure and record it in the enterprise credit file.

Chapter VI By-laws

Article 17 This standard shall be formulated by the Contractors' Association's Industry Rules Committee and interpreted. Article 18 This standard shall be implemented after being adopted by the third boards of directors of the seventh session of the Contractors' Association on November 30, 2017. The Guidelines for

the Classification of Business of Foreign Contracted Engineering Enterprises (Trial), the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Guiding Principles for the Classification of Business Classification of Foreign Contracted Engineering Enterprises (Trial) and the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the Classification of Business of Foreign Contracted Engineering Enterprises (Trial) shall be repealed from the date of implementation of these Measures.

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