

**BIDDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF INTERNET CONNECTION FOR BCDA FOR 2018**

**BID BULLETIN NO. ISP 2018-001**

This bid bulletin clarifies queries raised during the Pre-Bid Conference held last 6 February 2018, requests for clarifications sent through email, and other matters relative to the **Bidding for the Procurement of Internet Service Connection for BCDA for 2018.**

**1. Queries/Questions by Prospective Bidders**

<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Clarifications</b>															
1. A standard fiber last mile test is only RFC2544 for transport and speedtest for Dedicated Internet. Whether Speedtest is acceptable as BER is only used for Copper.	The test that will be done are the following:  1. Speedtest 2. RFC2544 and/or BER															
2. Whether the prospective bidders can request the specifications of the current router used by BCDA.	BCDA uses Cisco Router 3800 Series and Core Switch 3560 IOS v.12.2.															
3. Who is the current internet connection provider of BCDA?	The current internet providers of BCDA are ComClark and Bayantel.															
4. Whether one bidder can bid for both lots A & B.	The bidders can bid for any of the two (2) lots A & B or can bid for both lots. However, to maintain a redundant connection, one connection would be awarded to one provider and the other one to another provider which means that there shall be two (2) winning bidders for the bidding at hand.															
5. Whether the bidders will submit one Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) even if they will bid for two (2) lots A & B.	The bidders will submit only one NFCC for two (2) lots but should indicate separately their bid amount for each lot. The bidder should submit a bid security corresponding to the total amount of the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) of the lots it will bid for.															
6. Whether the bidders are required to submit two (2) Bid Securing Declaration if they will bid for two (2) lots.	The bidders shall submit only one Bid Securing Declaration.															
7. What would be the system in awarding the two (2) lots in case wherein one bidder happens to be the lowest for both lots, i.e. the bidder with lowest calculated bid (LCB) in lot A is also the bidder with LCB in lot B?	If a bidder has the LCB for both lots, BCDA will award to that bidder the lot which has the higher second lowest bid.  To illustrate: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>ISP 1</td> <td>ISP 2</td> <td>ISP 3</td> <td>ISP 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lot A</td> <td>55,000</td> <td>65,000</td> <td>60,000</td> <td>50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lot B</td> <td>no bid</td> <td>65,000</td> <td>60,000</td> <td>50,000</td> </tr> </table>		ISP 1	ISP 2	ISP 3	ISP 4	Lot A	55,000	65,000	60,000	50,000	Lot B	no bid	65,000	60,000	50,000
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	<p>ISP 4 submitted the lowest bid for both lots while ISP 1 is the second lowest for Lot A and ISP 3 is the second lowest for Lot B.</p> <p>ISP 4 will then be awarded with Lot B (the one with the higher second lowest bid) to ensure that BCDA gets the most advantageous (lowest) pricing for both lots, i.e. 50,000 &amp; 55,000 respectively.</p>
8. The bidder won in Lot B (for example). Since the bidder is not the lowest in Lot A, will the bid amount in Lot A be applied in Lot B for the award of the contract since it is the smaller amount?	No, each lot is evaluated separately, thus bid amounts to be considered are those that correspond to the specific lot only.
9. Whether wireless internet service connection is acceptable.	A wired internet service connection is preferred.
10. Whether the bidders will submit one (1) set of eligibility documents for two (2) lots.	The bidders shall submit only one (1) set of eligibility documents even if they will bid for two (2) lots.
11. If the current Internet Service Provider (ISP) of BCDA won the bid, should a fast Ethernet cable be provided again as stated in Article 3 of the Service Agreement?	If the current ISP of BCDA wins and it has previously supplied the fast Ethernet cable, it need not provide another one.
<p>12. A bidder suggests to indicate in the TOR that the following must be provided by the winning Bidder to ensure quality of Internet service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Latency of not more than 20ms (Domestic-from customer to provider's core network)</li> <li>-Latency of not more than 60ms (Asia)</li> <li>-Latency of not more than 180ms (US)</li> <li>-The network shall have full redundancy in the physical level, i.e. core switches and multiple gateway boarder routers for guaranteed Quality of Service (QoS)</li> <li>-Utilizing five (5) Cable Landing Stations in the Philippines going outside the country for diversity and redundancy.</li> </ul>	The suggestions are appreciated, and may be considered in BCDA's future requirement. For the bidding at hand, additional latency tests shall be conducted for benchmarking purposes but shall not be required as part of tests that the provider needs to pass for acceptance.

## 2. Other Clarifications from the BAC

- a. Bidders must have a completed single largest contract similar to the project at hand within the last five (3) years (January 2014 to January 2018) with the contract amount equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, or a combination of at most three (3) similar contracts with aggregate amount equivalent to at least 50% of the ABC completed from January 2014 to January 2018.
- b. The bidders must be registered with PhilGEPS under Platinum Membership, otherwise the bidders will be rated failed which shall result in declaring them as "ineligible". *However, per GPPB Circular No. 07-2017, prospective bidders may opt to submit their PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration or their Class "A" Eligibility Documents, or a combination thereof, during the bid submission. The Platinum Membership remains as a post-qualification requirement to be submitted in accordance with Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184.*
- c. The bid documents can be accessed in the PhilGEPS and BCDA Websites. Those who have purchased the Bid Documents will be provided with soft copy of the same (PDF Format) and editable forms.
- d. The bidders have to purchase the bid documents before they are allowed to submit their bids. They can still purchase the document until the deadline of submission.
- e. The computation of the bid security shall be based on the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC).
- f. All licenses, permits and other required clearances should be valid at the time of the submission of bids, Post-Qualification evaluation, and signing of the contract.
- g. The following documents are required to be NOTARIZED, which should be duly sworn to and include complete information on the PTR No., MCLE No., Authority or Commission Number, etc..
  - i. Omnibus Sworn Statement
  - ii. Bidder's Representative Authorization (as provided in Paragraph 2 of the Omnibus Sworn Statement )
  - iii. Bid Securing Declaration
- h. The bidders may submit a notarized Bid Securing Declaration in lieu of other forms of bid security. It is important to note, however, that although the Bid Securing Declaration does not require cash, its enforcement shall include automatic blacklisting and payment of certain fines in the event that the bidder violates any of the conditions set forth in the bidding documents.
- i. The bid should not be more than the ABC, otherwise the bidder will be disqualified.

- j. NFCC Computation should be based on the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2016 or 2017, whichever is available, using the computation provided in paragraph 5.5 of the Instruction to Bidders, and should be at least equivalent to the (ABC).
- k. BCDA reserves the right to waive minor defects in forms and requirement as long as they do not affect the genuineness and authenticity of the documents submitted.
- l. BCDA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

### 3. Reminders from the BAC

- a. BCDA adheres to the "No-Contact Rule". All clarifications should be made in writing and addressed to the BAC-G Secretariat. **Deadline for Clarification is at 5pm on 12 February 2018.**
- b. The bid bulletin/s, if any, shall be posted in the PHILGEPS and BCDA websites. Only those who purchased the bidding documents are entitled to directly receive a copy of the Bid Bulletin by email.
- c. Visiting or calling the members of the BAC, the TWG, the Secretariat or anyone working for BCDA is not allowed and will not be entertained.
- d. Dates, in the absence of any qualifications, are meant to be calendar days. Calendar days include Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
- e. The **deadline for the submission of bids for the Bidding for the Procurement of Internet Service Connection for BCDA for 2018 is at 1:00 PM on February 26, 2018** at the BCDA Central Receiving and Releasing Area (CRRA) located at the 2nd Floor Bonifacio Technology Center, 31st St. cor. 2nd Avenue Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The computer system clock at the CRRA that is set to Philippine Standard Time (PhST) shall be used as reference in determining the time for the submission of bids. Hence, participating bidders are advised to synchronize their timepieces with the said computer system clock. **Late bids or those submitted after 1:00 PM of 26 February 2018 shall not be accepted.**
- f. Bidders may submit their eligibility documents a day before the deadline for submission to avoid the possibility of being late for submission.
- g. **Bid opening shall be at 2:00 PM on February 26, 2018** at the BCDA Corporate Center, 2nd Floor Bonifacio Technology Center, 31st St. cor. 2nd Avenue Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders. However, the Bidders' attendance during the Opening of Bids is not compulsory but

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- i. Each and every page of the Financial Bid Form/s must be appropriately signed by the bidders or the bidder's authorized representative. The authorization should also be attached. **Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the Bid.**
- j. The BAC expects the bidders to exercise due diligence in going through the bidding documents to be able to prepare their bids intelligently.
- k. The bidders are requested to use tabs in compiling their bid documents for quick and easy identification and verification.

**Please be reminded that all queries after the release of this Bid Bulletin will not be entertained.**

All provisions, conditions and statements in the bidding documents inconsistent with this Bid Bulletin are either modified or rendered ineffective, as the case may be.

Issued on 15 February 2018.

#### **BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR GOODS**

  
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