

SPECIAL BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (SBAC)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

**Bidding for the Construction of the AIRPORT TO NCC Access Road (Phase 3)
BCDA Lobby Hall
BCDA Corporate Center, 2/F, Bonifacio Technology Center, BGC, Taguig City**

14 March 2019

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Special Bids & Awards Committee:

Chairperson	EVP Aileen Anunciacion R. Zosa
Vice Chairperson	Arrey A. Perez
Members	Maria Josefina V. Pe Atty. Maricel C. Santos Eng. Richard Brian M. Cepe

Technical Working Group (TWG):

Members	Brando C. Aguilera Ryan Paul C. Galura Jerry H. Mendoza Peter Lester O. Carreon Jerico G. Bondoc
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Secretariat:

Head	Aristotle E. Guerrero
Members	Lohren D. Cabellon Melinda M. Docallos

Other attendees

Victor Luna	-	BCDA Consultant
Christian G. Viray	-	UICI Representative
Ernesto San Miguel	-	UICI Representative
Samuel Galivo	-	video cam operator

COA Representatives

Eunice O. Cabangon

Observer from IASO

Peter John Mingala

Bidders' Representatives

C.B. Garay	-	H.A. Quinsay Atty. Bon Jeffrey Caluag Eng. Ryan Nepomuceno
Baque Corporation	-	Eng. Jesus Geminiano Ar. Angelie Tan Ali Fernando Eng. Dan Bughao
MAC Builders	-	Michael Cordero Carlo Paul Jaro
CSCEC	-	Li Bin Li Yanguang
S.B. Construction	-	Dexter Marcelo Jung Kang Kil Dave Entusiasmo
PMI	-	Leo Vicmudo Rommel Arellano
Delta	-	Joseph Gomez
Prime Metro BMD	-	Ben Zapanta Marcel Cardona
R.D. Policarpio	-	Atty. Joel Tan Iana Jorelle Macapinlac
FSI	-	Greg De Jesus Xerxes Munar Percival Udarbe
New City	-	Je Chang Lee
Crown Mix Corp.	-	Stephen Gala
Northern Builders	-	Michael Macam
Golden Tech II	-	Michael Sajonas Dennis L.
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China Wuyi	-	Liu Yataw
China Geo	-	Han Jun
A.M. Oreta	-	Jose Paragas
A.G. Araja Construction & Qingjian	-	Jeanet Suerte Andrea Yang Doroteo Mindanao
CHEC Philippines	-	Zhang Hanzhou
Ciriaco Corporation	-	Nilo Saavedra Donna Ruth Erice
Dumduma Const. & Trading Corp.	-	Jerome Gerilla Roy Asis
VBI	-	Mary Kris Marasigan Marimar Marticio
Wijaya Karya, ER Const. International	-	Alex Espinocilla Erza Raihanza
Haidee Const./MSD Vitug Const./China International Water & Electrical Corp. Consortium	-	Leonor Mendoza Jimelda Gozun Fuchia Aguilar
Hunan Road R-II Builders, Inc.	-	Alona Mangalindan Jean Viado

Megawide	-	Diomedes Cacho
GHCB PH Guanghx Hydroelectro	-	Charles Hari
Dumduma Construction	-	Michelle Mapantay
	-	Maurice Nispen
JCR-CC	-	Gerald Nispen
JASA Builders	-	Alona Guevarra
	-	Chrissy Mae Villaluna
	-	Jobberlyn Ferrer
Green Asis	-	John Legaspi
	-	Alfredo J.

The Pre-Bid Conference for the Bidding for the Construction of the Airport-NCC Access Road (Phase 3) was presided by SBAC Chairperson Aileen Anunciacion R. Zosa.

1. Call to Order

There being a quorum, Chairperson Aileen Anunciacion R. Zosa called the Pre-Bid Conference to order at 2:10 PM. She opened the meeting by introducing the SBAC Members, TWG and Consultants for the project, and the SBAC Secretariat. She mentioned the names of companies who have purchased the bidding documents for Phase 2 and Phase 3. She mentioned that the pre-bid conference for Phase 2 was held in the morning on that day and that the pre-bid conference held at that moment was for Phase 3.

Chairperson Zosa acknowledged the presence of the prospective bidders, mentioned their names, and welcomed them to the Pre-Bid Conference. She emphasized that the SBAC members and TWG are bound by the "no contact" rule, so the prospective bidders should send/email their clarifications/queries regarding the project to the head of SBAC Secretariat but addressed to the SBAC Chairperson, and the responses of SBAC to their queries will be through bid bulletin.

2. Highlights of the Meeting

2.1. Upon instruction of SBAC Chairperson Zosa, Engr. Ryan Galura presented and discussed the brief background of BCDA, its mandate and various projects. He also discussed the overview of the project on bid, discussed the salient points of the Terms of Reference (TOR), the Qualifications and Requirements for the prospective bidders qualified to bid for the project, and other matters relative to the submission of bids. Eng. Galura specifically mentioned the following:

- The New Clark City is a 9,450 ha. flagship project of government which is among the big-ticket infrastructure projects under President Rodrigo Duterte's Build, Build, Build program envisioned to propel economic growth in the next five (5) years; and
- In line with NCC development, BCDA undertakes construction of two (2) access roads -- NCC to SCTEX which should be completed in time for SEA Games and Airport to NCC Access roads.

2.2. Questions from the Bidders

- a. A representative or R.D. Policarpio, & Co., Inc. remarked that the project is on a multi-year contract but will be funded under 2019 GAA, then inquired how much is the appropriated for the project under 2019 GAA?

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Vice Chairperson Arrey Perez explained that the project is fully funded under 2019 GAA but the funding comes in two (2) tranches because of the budgeting system of DBM. He further explained that the entire budget is approved under 2019 GAA but the tier 1 will be in 2019 and tier 2 in 2020.

The same prospective bidder then inquired why BCDA will still ask fund for the project in 2020 if the project is fully funded under 2019 budget? He also inquired whether DBM has issued a Multi-Year Obligation Authority which will be an assurance from DBM that the additional fund for the project will be appropriated in the succeeding fiscal year since it will take more than one (1) year to complete the project.

Vice Chairperson Perez explained that the entire budget for the project is approved by DBM but only the budget for the current year will be released because of the cash budget system imposed by DBM. He further explained that the remaining budget for the project will be released in 2020 but it is guaranteed that the entire project is fully funded.

The same bidder remarked that it could be difficult for the Contractor in terms of the payment scheme considering that the project is big.

Vice Chairperson Perez mentioned that the SBAC practiced the bidding procedure that is within the ruling of GPPB and R.A. 9184.

- b. Atty. Jeffrey Caluag of C.B. Garay inquired whether BCDA has legal basis in prohibiting the bidders to bid for Phase 2 and Phase 3 at the same time.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that the procurement procedure of BCDA is with the imprimatur of GPPB. He added that the intention of awarding the two (2) phases to different contractors is to ensure that the projects are completed on time so BCDA wants the winning bidder/contractor to focus on the project awarded to them.

- c. Atty. Caluag inquired whether they need to attach the official receipt to the list of equipment.

Eng. Galura replied that if the prospective bidders owned the equipment, the bidders need to submit just one (1) proof of ownership, i.e. O.R., invoice, or Deed of Sale. The Lease Agreement and Certification of Availability of Equipment should be attached if the bidder leased the equipment.

- d. Mr. John Legaspi of Greenasia inquired whether all consortium partners are required to buy the bidding documents for the project.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that only one (1) member of the consortium/JV is required to buy the bidding documents for the project.

- e. A prospective bidder inquired whether the required water truck with pump is 1,600 liters 360 horse power or 16,000 liters 360 horse power.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that the response of SBAC on the matter will be through bid bulletin.

The same prospective bidder inquired whether they can use other type of batching plant with the same capacity

Eng. Galura replied in the affirmative and added that as long as the batching plant has the capacity of 80 cubic meter.

The same bidder inquired whether the excavated materials can be used as embankment materials.

Eng. Galura replied in the affirmative. He added that Item 102(2) Roadway Surplus Common Excavation may be used as embankment materials in Item 104(1)a Embankment (from Roadway Excavation).

- f. A prospective bidder inquired whether the bored pile 2.0 in diameter and bored pile 1.4 meter in diameter have the same item number.

Eng. Galura replied that there is an error on the pay item number because the two items are different, the same shall be clarified in the bid bulletin to be issued.

The same prospective bidder inquired whether additional items with corresponding prices per hour will be added in the forms for daywork rates aside from the items that are already indicated in the forms.

Eng. Galura replied that the bidders should just put the corresponding prices on the items indicated in the forms.

- g. A prospective bidder inquired whether the Bid Securing Declaration is sufficient for the requirement of Bid Security.

Atty. Maricel Santos replied that the bidders may submit a notarized Bid Securing Declaration for their Bid Security.

- h. A prospective bidder inquired on what currency exchange rate should the foreign company/bidder use for SLCC.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that the foreign company/bidder should use the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP's) closing currency rate a day before the deadline for submission of bids.

The same prospective bidder inquired whether they can be provided with a standard form of list of equipment and personnel.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied in the affirmative.

The same prospective bidder inquired whether the raw materials for the project are duty free.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied in the negative.

- i. A representative of Foundation Specialists mentioned that they have already sent their written queries to SBAC and asked the assurance that the SBAC will answer/respond to their queries.

Eng. Galura assured the representative of Foundation Specialists that all questions concerning the project will be addressed in a bid bulletin to be issued.

The same bidder wanted to be clarified on what should really be the bikeway finish because it was indicated in the plans that the bikeway finish is green asphalt finish while in the technical specifications, the bikeway finish indicated is exposed aggregate concrete finish (gray) with glow-in-the-dark aggregates.

Mr. Viray of UICI replied that the bikeway finish should be glow in the dark.

The same bidder inquired about the thickness of the concrete

Mr. Viray replied that the thickness of the concrete should be 75 mm, and added that the bidders should refer to the specifications for more details.

The same bidder inquired on the payment scheme for the embankment and surplus materials.

Eng. Galura explained that the embankment of the roadway excavation already include the cost of cutting. The cost of the embankment from roadway is bigger than the unit price of the surplus excavation. The total of the surplus materials is more than the quantity of the embankment, so the winning contractor shall be paid for the embankment. He added that the surplus materials that cannot be used as embankment will be paid under surplus excavation.

The same bidder remarked that the equipment to be used for the excavation is entirely different from the one to be used for the embankment.

Eng. Galura replied that the bidders must include in their unit price analysis the cost of the equipment to be used for cutting of materials and also the equipment to be used for embankment. The unit price for embankment should already include the cost for cutting.

The same prospective bidder inquired whether the materials on Roadway Excavation in the BOQ of 1.3M m³ is also the 1.3M m³ to be used for embankment from roadway excavation.

Eng Galura replied that the total cut will be 2.6M m³ and added that BCDA will designate area for disposal.

- j. A prospective bidder inquired on the VAT charging in the Philippines.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that the bidder's bid shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes.

The same bidder inquired on how the fifteen percent (15%) advance payment will be deducted from the progress payment.

Eng. Galura replied that the advance payment shall be recouped through a deduction by BCDA of 15% of the amount of milestone payments. Further recoupment shall be done until the full amount of the advance payment shall have been recouped.

The same bidder inquired on how much time it takes for BCDA to process the billing and payment for the winning contractor.

Vice Chairperson Perez replied that the payment for the contractors are being processed immediately upon receipt of their billing as long as the billings and the required documents are complete and without any issue.

- k. A representative from Wijaya Karya inquired on the documents from embassy that need to be authenticated.

Atty. Maricel Santos replied that all foreign documents executed in the foreign country must be authenticated in the Philippine Embassy situated in the foreign country where the documents are executed.

- l. A representative from Prime Metro BMD inquired whether they need to replace the removed trees affected by the project.

Eng. Richard Cepe replied that there is a policy in replacing the trees as recommended by the CENRO. He advised the prospective bidders to observe/follow the DENR policies on replacing the trees.

- m. Mr. Nilo Saavedra of Ciriaco Corporation inquired whether there would be an increase in the ABC if the bike lane finish is glow-in-the-dark.

Mr. Viray replied that the glow-in-the dark finish of bike lane is already included in the cost estimate.

- n. A prospective bidder inquired whether they need to submit Summary Sheet for DUPA.

Eng. Galura replied in the negative.

- o. A representative of Mac Builders asked the BAC to clarify the specifications for backhoe loader because he was quite confused with the capacity and description.

Eng. Galura replied that the capacity of 1.12 cu.m. is for the loaded bucket.

3. Announcement/Clarification from SBAC Chairperson

Chairperson Zosa mentioned that she had to excuse from Pre-Bid Conference to attend the meeting on the 2019 national budget. She disclosed to the prospective bidders that there are some uncertainties as to the approval of the 2019 National Budget in which the budget of the project will be sourced from (which she also mentioned during the Pre-Bid Conference for Phase 2). Definitely, if the approval of the 2019 National Budget will be delayed, BCDA will not implement the cash-based budgeting because it would be difficult for the contractors to exhaust and spend the budget within the year. Based on the procurement guidelines issued by GPPB, the BAC will continue and proceed with the biddings for the project but will hold the issuance of NOA until the approval of the 2019 National Budget. The issue on 2019 National Budget might be resolved by July or August already if not by April, and the problem would be that the prices then might be different from the prices in April and that BCDA cannot anymore change the ABC once the bidding started already. The BAC will issue advisories/notices to keep the interested bidders abreast about the budget of the project because the entire budget for Phase 2 and Phase 3 is in the 2019 National Budget. The BAC might be constrained to adjust the schedules/timetable of the project depending on the approval of 2019 National Budget.

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4. Closing

There being no other matter to discuss relative to the Bidding for the Construction of Airport-NCC Access Road (Phase 3), Chairperson Aileen Anunciacion Zosa adjourned the Pre-bid Conference at 4:30 PM.

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