

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (BAC-I)

**BIDDING FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND
COMMISSIONING OF THE CONCEPCION-NCC SUB-TRANSMISSION LINE
FOR NEW CLARK CITY**

BID BULLETIN NO. 1

This Bid Bulletin clarifies queries raised during the Pre-Bid Conference held last 18 January 2019, queries raised during the ocular visit on 21 January 2019, and other matters relative to the bidding of the aforementioned project.

1. Queries/Questions by Prospective Bidders

Issues Raised	Clarifications
1. Whether the project cost is inclusive of VAT?	The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) is inclusive of all applicable government taxes, fees, and charges. All bidders shall be required to include the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to, value added tax (VAT), income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and duties which shall be itemized in the bid form and reflected in the detailed estimates.
2. Whether the DOLE-approved safety and health program should be submitted during the submission of bid proposals?	The DOLE-approved safety and health program is required before contract signing and not during bid submission.
3. Whether the Bidding Schedules can be extended considering the Design & Build nature of the project?	The project timeline cannot be extended because it is very important that the project should be finished according to the set deadlines for the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games. BCDA wanted the project to be <u>working already by October 1, 2019</u> because the SEA Games will commence by November 2019.
4. Whether other materials can be used for poles for a much faster construction because steel poles may need to be imported?	The use of locally-manufactured concrete poles is acceptable as long as they meet prescribed standards, such as required strength and height clearances.
5. Whether BCDA will extend assistance to the winning bidder with respect to Customs requirements?	BCDA can provide reasonable assistance to ensure timely release of materials from customs, if needed. For avoidance of doubt, the Bidder will still be responsible for payment of required customs dues and taxes in such cases.

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<p>6. Whether the winning bidder should use/follow the NGCP construction standard or Meralco standard?</p>	<p>The design consideration must comply with the applicable law like the Philippine Distribution Code which specifies the standard for sub-transmission assets. Since the project will connect to NGCP, the NGCP requirements of the construction standard must be complied with. The materials standard and connection need to be aligned with the NGCP requirements.</p> <p><u>However, the Bidders are not required to be NGCP-accredited.</u></p>
<p>7. Who will be responsible for the O & M of the Sub-Transmission Lines?</p>	<p>Initially BCDA, until such time that a partner shall be chosen as concessionaire.</p>
<p>8. What is the height requirement of the steel poles?</p>	<p>The height requirement for steel/concrete poles is 70 to 90 feet.</p>
<p>9. Whether the requirement is 69kv Transmission Lines?</p>	<p>Yes, the requirement is 69kv Transmission Line as stated in the Terms of Reference (TOR) which is part of the bidding documents.</p>
<p>10. Whether the materials to be used in the design of poles should be type-approved by NGCP?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>11. Whether there is a condition for Liquidated Damages for the project?</p>	<p>The condition on Liquidated Damages is provided in the General Conditions of Contract.</p>
<p>12. Whether the release of retention money is subject to COA Audit?</p>	<p>No, the release of retention money does not need COA approval.</p>
<p>13. Whether it is the NGCP who will do the System Impact Study (SIS) and the Facility Study (FS)?</p>	<p>The NGCP will do the SIS. The Facility Study shall be prepared by the winning bidder and be coordinated with the NGCP.</p>
<p>14. The conceptual design assumes pole spacing of 80m which may be too far apart for 795 MCM ACSR conductors. Can a narrower spacing of 60m be considered?</p>	<p>The proposed spacing is 80m on the average over the proposed alignment of the sub-transmission line. Depending on the ground conditions and design considerations, each pole spacing can be longer or shorter.</p>
<p>15. Given the tight timeline and requirements, please consider a higher ABC for the Project.</p>	<p>The ABC of PhP150,000,000.00 is arrived at based on reasonable estimate of costs and quantity, and having factored the uncertainty and urgency required.</p>
<p>16. Will BCDA provide a space for the winning bidder free of charge for their temporary facilities? Will BCDA require the winning bidder to provide field office and vehicles for BCDA personnel assigned to this</p>	<p>BCDA shall provide a space, free of charge, for the winning bidder to erect their temporary facilities.</p> <p>The winning bidder is not obligated to provide a vehicle for BCDA personnel for this project.</p>

project?	
<p>17. Up to what extent of assistance will BCDA need from the winning bidder for ROW acquisition?</p>	<p>BCDA has already started the agency-to-agency coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH and Tarlac Government for the grant of ROW easement over the proposed alignment. Further, BCDA will be the contracting party in the ROW easement contracts to be signed.</p> <p>The Winning Bidder shall also be responsible for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identification of the individual parcels required for ROW acquisition based on its design submitted, including identification of affected stakeholders; 2) Conduct of required studies and relevant permits, including tree-cutting/pruning permits from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). BCDA will provide reasonable assistance with the permitting; 3) Provide the technical description for the ROWs to be acquired; 4) Provide the cost estimates for the ROW acquisition based on preliminary non-committal discussions/negotiations with the affected stakeholders; and 5) Coordinate discussions between BCDA and the affected stakeholders.
<p>18. Will BCDA also be the one to get necessary permits from the LGU for the project? Who will coordinate with LGU and TARELCO regarding power interruption and traffic management?</p>	<p>Per ITB (Scope of Work), bidders are responsible for securing necessary permits from the LGU. TARELCO power interruption management will only be needed if the winning bidder will move the 3km portion of the transmission line of TARELCO II. However, there is no power interruption from the NGCP sub-station inter-connection.</p> <p>LGU coordination with the traffic management shall be the responsibility of the winning bidder, with BCDA's reasonable assistance (coordination with the LGU).</p>

<p>19. In case that BCDA's road works are not done yet by the time that they (winning bidder) have to install already, should they (winning bidder wait for the road contractor? Or should they (winning bidder) go ahead and install?</p>	<p>The winning bidder must proceed with their construction timeline per their proposal, with coordination with the BCDA and the Road Contractor.</p>
<p>20. The total length of the line might be longer than BCDA's estimate since the intersection at Mac Arthur Highway to Concepcion Substation is approximately 11km already.</p>	<p>The line was verified to be approximately 16 km in length.</p>
<p>21. Who will approve the materials? NGCP or BCDA? Will BCDA require Factory Acceptance Test? If yes, it might take longer for the winning bidder to do the job. Are type-approved materials enough already?</p>	<p>BCDA will approve the materials and no more Factory Acceptance Test is required by BCDA, if materials are type-approved.</p>
<p>22. Given the high risk nature of the project, are they allowed to ask for variation orders?</p>	<p>The bidders must consider the risks and uncertainties in their proposal. The winning bidder is allowed for Variation Orders provided that the works are not considered in the conceptual design or design parameters.</p>
<p>23. Can BCDA waive the geotechnical studies? As it will greatly reduce the cost and gives the bidders more time to construct. They have to finish erection of all the poles before rainy season. It is evident already during the site inspection that the soil is stable already since there are roads, structures and posts already.</p>	<p>The winning bidder must conduct their geotech study to ensure that the design is fit to the ground conditions upon erection of poles.</p>
<p>24. There is a portion (about 3km) of distribution lines of TARELCO that they may have to relocate to the other side or put it below BCDA's lines. Will TARELCO allow this?</p>	<p>The winning bidder shall coordinate with TARELCO, with reasonable assistance from BCDA.</p>

2. Reminders and Other Clarifications from BAC-I

- a. A consortium or Joint Venture is allowed to bid for the project but at least 75% of the interest of which shall belong to Filipino citizens. A foreign bidder is allowed to bid but its interest in the JV or Consortium must only be up to 25%.

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- b. Prospective Bidders must have at least a license category “B” and a license classification “Medium A” from Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) for Specialty-Electrical Work. A Special PCAB License is required for JV, and all JV partners must secure a PCAB License. On the other hand, in the case of a Consortium, PCAB requires PCAB License only for at least one company or partner in a Consortium and it is the Constructor which shall possess the PCAB License. Consortium means there is a constructor, a financier, or a supplier. The PCAB license must be valid and effective at the time of submission of the bid.
- c. Contract period is 211 days.
- d. 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.
- e. Visiting or calling the members of the BAC-I the TWG, the Secretariat (except for administrative matters relating to the project), or anyone working for BCDA is not allowed and will not be entertained. All queries should be addressed to the BAC-I Chairperson and emailed to the Secretariat. In some cases where it is necessary to talk to the Secretariat for a query, e.g., involving or pointing to a design, said query shall always be followed with a written query addressed to the BAC-I Chairperson, and then e-mailed to the BAC Secretariat.
- f. The bid documents can be accessed in the PhilGEPS and BCDA Websites. Those who have purchased the Bidding Documents will be provided with soft copy of the same (PDF Format) and editable forms.
- g. The bidders must purchase the bid documents before they are allowed to submit their bids. They can still purchase the document until the deadline for bid submission.
- h. **The deadline for the submission of Eligibility/Technical Documents and Financial Proposals** for the Bidding for the Design, Construction, Installation, and Commissioning of the Concepcion-NCC Sub-Transmission Line for the New Clark City is on **February 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM** 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. **Late bids or those submitted after 9:00 AM of February 6, 2019 shall not be accepted.**
- i. Bidders may submit their bid proposal a day before the deadline for bid submission to avoid the possibility of being late for submission.
- j. 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.

- k. The **Opening of the Eligibility/Technical Documents** for the Bidding for the Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, and Commissioning of the Concepcion-NCC Sub-Transmission Line for the New Clark City is on **February 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the BCDA Corporate Center, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Technology Center, 31st St. cor. 2nd Avenue Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.
- l. The **Opening of Financial Proposals** for the Bidding for the Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, and Commissioning of the Concepcion-NCC Sub-Transmission Line for the New Clark City is on **February 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at BCDA Corporate Center, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Technology Center, 31st St. cor. 2nd Avenue Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.
- m. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders. However, the Bidders' attendance during the Opening of Bids is not compulsory but it is advised that Bidders send their representative to assist the BAC-I and answer clarifications, if any.
- n. Each and every page of the Financial Bid Form/s must be appropriately signed by the bidders or the bidder's authorized representative. The duly-notarized authorization should also be attached. **Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the Bid.**
- o. The BAC expects the bidders to exercise due diligence in going through the bidding documents to be able to prepare their bids intelligently.
- p. The bidders are requested to use tabs in compiling their bid documents for quick and easy identification and verification.
- q. The computation of the bid security shall be based on the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC).
- r. 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.**
- s. The following documents are required to be NOTARIZED:
 - i. Omnibus Sworn Statement;
 - ii. Bidder's Representative Authorization (as provided in Paragraph 2 of the Omnibus Sworn Statement); and
 - iii. Bid Securing Declaration.
- t. 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 will 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.

- u. The bid should not be more than the ABC, otherwise the bidder will be disqualified.
- v. The Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) Computation should be based on the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2017 using the computation provided in paragraph 5.5 of the Instruction to Bidders, and should be at least equivalent to the (ABC).
- w. 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.
- x. 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.

Attached are the BOQ (w/o indicated quantities) and photo of the Proposed Alignment for NCC-Concepcion Sub-transmission Line.

Deadline for request for clarification is today, 28 January 2019 at 5:00 PM. Last day for issuance of Supplemental/Bid Bulletin, if any, is on 30 January 2019.

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 this 28th day of January 2019.

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Bill of Quantities

Name of Project	Design, Supply, Construction, Installation and Commissioning of the			
Location	New Clark City			
Source of Fund	Corporate Budget			
Classification	Construction of Sub-transmission line			
	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
A Temporary Facilities				
B General Requirements				
C Right of Way acquisition assistance				
(For necessary legwork and technical assistance for ROW Acquisition)				
D Demolition/removal/relocation of affected structures and/or utilities				

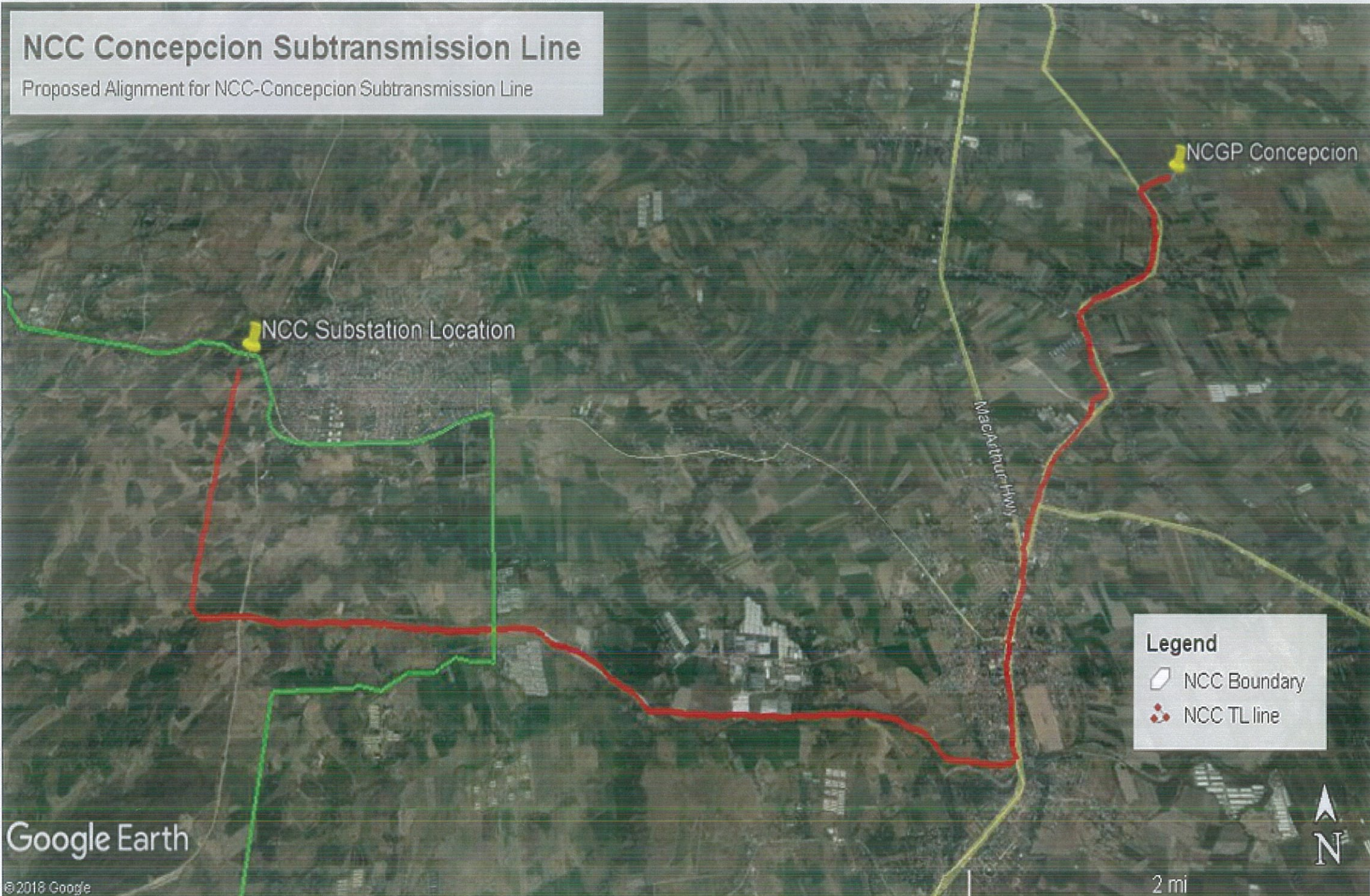


	E Earthworks - pole foundation				
	F Sub transmission line				
	(Steel/Concrete poles with necessary accessories, Cable should be 795 MCM ACSR)				
	G Miscellaneous				
	(Coordination expenses with other stakeholders, National and Local Govt)				
	Detailed Engineering Design				
	(shall include Facility Study)				
	Total				

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NCC Concepcion Subtransmission Line



Proposed Alignment for NCC-Concepcion Subtransmission Line



NCCP Concepcion

NCC Substation Location

Legend

-  NCC Boundary
-  NCC TL line

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