

PREQUALIFICATION BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

**SELECTION OF JOINT VENTURE PARTNER FOR THE NEW CLARK CITY (NCC)
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) PASSIVE
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

BID BULLETIN NO. 13, s. 2025

In connection with the ongoing selection of a Joint Venture partner for the NCC ICT Passive Infrastructure Project, we are hereby issuing this bid bulletin to inform interested Private Sector Participants (PSPs) of the following responses to queries raised during the initial one-on-one meetings:

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1	Can an entity that has purchased the bidding documents appoint an affiliate to participate in the bidding process?	Yes, subject to conditions stated in the final draft of the ITB which will be revised to reflect as follows: “An Affiliate of an entity that has purchased the Bidding Documents, including from the original tender, is permitted to participate in the Bidding Process and submit a Bid provided that: (a) the Affiliate will participate either as a Bidder or a Consortium Member of the Bidder; (b) the entity that purchased the Bidding Documents will not participate in the Bidding; and (c) the Affiliate, prior to Bid Submission Date, shall submit to BCDA a notarized explanation letter duly signed by the Authorized Representatives of the Affiliate and the entity that purchased the Bidding Documents attesting to the foregoing with the proof of affiliation (e.g., GIS or equivalent document) as an attachment.”

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2	Will BCDA be providing information on the Gross Floor Area of the NCC Locators to support the bidders' projections?	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 5 on the Information Memorandum.
3	Will BCDA provide a map showing the location of the developers in NCC and the road networks?	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 5 on the Information Memorandum.
4	Will there still be a requirement on 150k billable end points?	No, this requirement is no longer required and will be reflected in the final ITB to be issued on August 29, 2025.
5	Is there a need for the bidders to provide a special PCAB license?	No, a "special PCAB license" which refers to the PCAB license issued by the PCAB for a particular and specific project/undertaking is not required. However, the entity nominated by Bidders to satisfy the Construction Requirements is required to provide a PCAB License Category AA and License Classification Large B. The PCAB License must be in General Engineering, Electrical Works or Communication Facilities as part of the Construction Experience Requirements of the entity nominated to satisfy such experience requirement.
6	For a consortium, is the PCAB license required for all members?	Please see response in Query No. 5.
7	What qualifies as ancillary service?	Following services count as ancillary services as defined in the JVA Section 16.4 Reference Tariff Offer and Tariff Adjustment and will be revised to include the additional services of providing in-building conduit/ fiber connection. <i>The JV shall be able to impose and collect other fees from related services that are</i>

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		<i>directly necessary or desirable for Lessees to make efficient use of the JV Product Types ("Ancillary Services"). These may include, but not be limited to, services in the MMR, such as "hot hands" services, in-building conduit and/or fiber connection services in case requested by the locators and other passive network monitoring services where these are not part of a standard Service Level Agreement.</i>
8	Will there be township types of development in NCC?	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 5 on the Information Memorandum.
9	Is the Certification of Absence of Unsatisfactory Performance Record to be issued by previous clients?	No, the Certification of Absence of Unsatisfactory Performance does not need to be issued by previous client, but is self-attestation to be accomplished by the Bidder or each Consortium Member, its Affiliate or Contractors whose projects and experience are being submitted as evidence of fulfillment of the Technical Qualification Requirements or Financial Qualification Requirements. Such Certification shall be notarized.
10	Are the terms of the project going to change once the Konektadong Pinoy Bill is passed?	The Bill is unlikely to change the terms and conditions of the Project because the Open Access Business Model embedded in this Passive ICT Infrastructure Project already incorporates the intent of the Bill i.e., encourage competition by allowing sharing of conduits and fibers and lower barriers and hurdles for small players to participate in the retail market for active ICT services as a Data Transmission Providers (DTPs).
11	Can you clarify the rebasing process on the 10 th year?	Generally, the rebasing methodology aims to allow the JV to meet a forward-looking annual revenue requirement

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		considering demand forecasts and estimated operating and capital expenses. In addition to a forward-looking component, rebasing at the 10th year has a backward-looking component to allow a limited recovery of costs via rebasing of tariffs that would apply in succeeding years. Schedule 6 in the draft Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) describes the rebasing methodology in detail. The draft JVA can be accessed in the virtual data room by entities who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
12	Will the proponent/winning bidder or the JV be subject to governmental audit process later on?	No, the winning bidder will not be part of the government audit by the Commission on Audit (COA). That said, the JV Partner is required to provide BCDA with information about the JV upon receipt of request as part of the standard process of monitoring operations and financial conditions of the JV.
13	Is there a cap on the number of the contractors allowed to be nominated?	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 10, which has clarified the rules of nominating Contractor(s) to fulfill the Design and/or Construction Experience Requirements as follows: (i) only one (1) Contractor for Design Experience Requirement shall be nominated, (ii) up to five (5) Contractors may be nominated for Construction Experience Requirement, and

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		(iii) in case one (1) Contractor has both qualifying Design and Construction Experience Requirements, then such Contractor may be nominated to meet both Design and Construction Experience Requirements. In each case, the relevant qualification documents for the Design and/or Construction Experience Requirements shall be submitted for each Contractor nominated. Kindly note that these contractors are different from Consortium Members, which are limited to three (3) according to the ITB.
14	In the technical requirement, there is a minimum requirement for the length of fiber that has been accomplished by the contractors which is 100km, but there is a clause that says 'no aggregation', what does this mean? And does this have to be contiguous?	Please note that the design and/or construction experience requirements have been revised and only projects with at least 50km of underground optical fiber within four (4) integrated networks need to be demonstrated to qualify. Also, "no aggregation of experience" means nominated entities must each on their own be able to meet the technical qualification requirements for which they are nominated.
15	The key personnel to be identified in the technical requirement, are they also the ones to be nominated in the JV?	Yes. However, it is expressly provided in Section 2.2.h(3) of the ITB that "in case any of these Key Personnel is no longer available or no longer connected with the Bidder at the time of implementation by the Winning Bidder of the Project, they may be replaced or substituted by new personnel possessing at least the same qualifications as those of the Key Personnel initially assigned to implement the Project subject to the prior written consent of the BCDA, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld."

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16	What will be the format of the submission of the three qualification documents? Should the original and copy documents be included in only one envelope or separate envelope for all of the original documents for three levels of qualification and another envelope for all the copies?	All Qualification Documents (Legal, Technical and Financial Qualifications) should be contained in one envelope/container marked as First Envelope. For the original set, it shall be marked as "ORIGINAL – QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS" and for the copy set, it shall be marked as "COPY – QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS." So long as all three categories of Qualification Documents are sealed and put in a series of sealed containers, the bidder may choose to use more envelopes/ containers inside the main containers. Please refer to ITB Section 8.1 for more details about the submission method.

This Bid Bulletin No. 13 is being issued to amend, revise, modify, and update previous postings/issuances pertaining to the items discussed above related to the subject disposition.

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