



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (BAC) I

PROJECT : SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION INTO OPERATIONAL STATE OF WEB CONTENT FILTERING SYSTEM (REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING WEB FILTER)

ITB NO. : Goods 2019-040

SUBJECT : BID BULLETIN NO. 1

DATE : 09 August 2019

Details of the bidding, as advertised:

Advertisement:	Posting at Websites & Conspicuous Places – July 19 to 26, 2019
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) and Source of Fund	P48,000,000.00 COB – CO & MOOE
Price of BD (non-refundable)	P25,000.00
Delivery Period	60 calendar days from receipt of Notice to Proceed

This addendum/Bid Bulletin No. 1 is issued to clarify, modify or amend items in the Bidding Documents (BD) as a result of the pre-bidding conference on 29 July 2019. This shall form an integral part of the BD.

Under Section 22.5.3 of the RIRR of RA 9184, it shall be the responsibility of all those who have properly secured the BD to inquire and secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC.

1. Schedule of activities as discussed in the Pre-bidding Conference:

- Deadline for the submission of written queries: Thursday, 01 August 2019
- Issuance of Bid Bulletin No. 1 – reply to written queries: Tuesday, 6 August 2019
- **Submission and opening of 2 envelopes: Thursday, 15 August 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**

Revised schedule of activities:

- Issuance of Bid Bulletin No. 1 – reply to written queries: Friday, 9 August 2019
- **Submission and opening of 2 envelopes: Tuesday, 20 August 2019, 3:00 p.m. at the Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**

2. Clarification and Amendments - Annex "A".

3. Documentary Requirements

a. 1st Envelope

- a.1 PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and membership.

In case of uploaded document/s, which validity period had already expired, submit the updated document/s.

- a.2 Statement of all its Ongoing Government and Private Contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid;

- a.3 Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract **within five (5) years** prior to the submission and opening of bids **with supporting documents**, which should be equivalent to at least **50% of the ABC**.
- a.4 * JVA, in case of Joint Venture – Class “B” Documents (Each partner of the joint venture shall submit the legal eligibility documents. The submission of technical and financial eligibility documents by any of the joint venture partners constitutes compliance, except for SSS Clearance that must be complied by all JV partners);
- a.5 Omnibus Sworn Statement (form supplied)
- a.6 NFCC Computation or committed Line of Credit (form supplied)
- a.7 * Bid Security (2% of the ABC for Cash or Manager’s/Cashier’s Check payable to SSS or Bank Draft of the ABC, 5% of the ABC for Surety Bond or Bid Securing Declaration – form supplied).
- a.8 Technical Documents – project requirements
 - Section VI – Schedule of Requirements
 - Section VII – Statement of Compliance with the Technical Specifications

b. Checklist of the 2nd envelope:

- b.1 * Bid Form (form supplied) – pages 63 to 64
- b.2 Bid Breakdown pages (form supplied) - page 65

c. Additional Requirements to be submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid

- c.1 2018 Income Tax Return filed through Electronic Filing and Payment System (EFPS) corresponding to the submitted Audited Financial Statement;
- c.2 Quarterly VAT for the period January to June 2019;
- c.3 Documents listed in the Platinum Membership and updates, if any;
 - SEC/DTI Registration
 - 2019 Mayor’s Permit
 - Valid Tax Clearance
 - 2018 Audited Financial Statement filed through EFPS
- c.3 Other Technical Requirements as stated in page 35 of the Bidding Documents
- c.4 Reference Site or Demo Hardware and Software

4. Awarding shall be made to the bidder with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB).

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ANNEX "A"

PROJECT: SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION INTO OPERATIONAL STATE OF WEB CONTENT FILTERING SYSTEM (REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING WEB FILTER)

ANNEX A: RESPONSE TO QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS

I. ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE

ITEM NO.	QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS	TWG/BAC RESPONSE
1	<p>On Slide 6 of Presentation, Highlights of the Technical Specifications</p> <p>1.1 Can you consider a bidder who is an Authorized Dealer/Partner but not a Tier 1 partner? Such requirement will limit the number of bidders for the project.</p> <p>1.2 In the absence of the manufacturer's local office, can you consider a certification from an authorized representative of the manufacturer instead of the local office?</p>	<p>1.1) We will consider Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 partner or equivalent. These amends Section III. Bid Data Sheet, ITB Clause 29.2, Item 3.2.3 to</p> <p>3.2.3 From the manufacturer or its local office (Philippines) stating that the bidder is a Tier1, Tier 2, Tier 3 partner or equivalent.</p> <p>1.2) No.</p>

II. RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUERIES

A. TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

ITEM NO.	QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS	TWG/BAC RESPONSE
1	<p>Page 35 Item 4 DURING POST QUALIFICATION.</p> <p>The bidder being evaluated must provide reference site or deliver and install the demo hardware and software to the SSS Main Office within the period specified by BAC to enable the TWG to test the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Proposed solution's functionalities and features 2) Compatibility and integration capability with the intended application 	

	<p>a service unit within the next twenty-four (24) hours. SSS use of said service unit must not exceed thirty (30) calendar days, a new equipment of the same brand and of equivalent or better specifications must be provided as replacement to the defective equipment. All shipment/delivery fees must be charged against the account of the service contractor.</p> <p>Question #5.1 <i>Can you extend the 24 hours requirement for the service unit to 72 hours?</i></p>	<p>5.1) No</p>
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B. ACW DISTRIBUTION (PHILS) INC.

ITEM NO.	QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS	TWG/BAC RESPONSE
1	<p>5.4.5 The service contractor must at all times maintain a reasonable supply of replacement and spare parts to effect the remedial services required. The SSS may, at any time during the term of agreement, require the contractor to provide an Inventory list of such supply of Replacement and Spare Parts.</p> <p>5.4.4 If contractor will already provide a spare unit that is brand new and warranted, will it still fall under 5.4.7 statement?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

C. ACCENT MICRO TECHNOLOGIES INC.

ITEM NO.	QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS	TWG/BAC RESPONSE
1	<p>Under Section III. Bid Data Sheet ITB Clause 29.2 (Page 35)</p> <p>The bidder with the lowest calculated bid as evaluated shall submit within non-extendible five (5) calendar days upon written notice the following documentary requirements:</p> <p>3. Other Technical Requirements:</p> <p>3.2. Certification of the following:</p> <p>3.2.1. From the bidder stating availability of spare parts within the warranty and maintenance period</p>	

1	<p>Question 1.1 <i>Since the requirement is an enterprise grade web filtering appliance, would SSS allow us to use a virtualized environment version for the demo/ proof of concept?</i></p> <p>Question # 1.2 <i>For compatibility and integration, are we going to connect to a live environment or only in a test environment?</i></p>	<p>1.1) Yes, provided that the bidder will supply the demo hardware and software.</p> <p>1.2) The bidder's demo hardware and software will be connected to a test environment.</p>
2	<p>Page 56 Section VI. Schedule of Requirements Item 1 Supply, Delivery, Installation and Configuration into Operational State of Web Content Filtering System</p> <p>and Item 2 Documentation Installation and Operations Manual - Within Sixty (60) calendar days upon receipt of notice to proceed</p> <p>Question #2.1 Our principal/manufacturer standard delivery is 45 days upon ordering and recently they encounter manufacturer material constraints. Likewise, we need at least 30 days to implement the project. With this, kindly extend this supply, delivery and installation deadline to 75 days.</p>	<p>2.1) Yes. This amends Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.</p>
3	<p>Page 56 item 1.8 "Should be able to support high-availability configuration with prioritization".</p> <p>Question #3.1 <i>Does this mean that the high-availability configuration is per site?</i></p>	<p>3.1) Yes.</p>
4	<p>Page 35 29.2 Additional Requirement, Item 3.2.1 Availability of spare parts within the warranty period and maintenance period.</p> <p>Question #4.1 <i>Please consider availability of service unit instead of spare parts?</i></p>	<p>4.1) No.</p>
5	<p>Page 59 item 5.4.7 If within forty-eight (48) hours, upon arriving on site, the service contractor fails to restore / repair the malfunctioning part / component, the service contractor must supply and install</p>	

3.2.2. Authorized Resellership/Dealership of the proposed product/s, if the bidder is not the manufacturer of the proposed product/s to be issued by the manufacturer

3.2.3. From the manufacturer local office (Philippines) stating that the bidder is a Tier1 partner or equivalent

3.2.4. Bidder is in the network system integration business for at least five (5) years in the Philippines and system integrator partner of the proposed brand for the last three (3) years.

3.3. List of Certified Engineers for the following:

- Two (2) Certified Security Engineer of the proposed brand
- Two (2) Certified Network Professional

Submit photocopy of valid certification, resume and company ID. Certified engineer should be with the bidder for a period of one (1) year before the bid opening.

We understand that SSS requires Certification from the Manufacturer of the proposed product and technical certifications of the engineers to ensure the successful implementation into operational state of the project.

Based on the enumerated Certifications, we believe that 3.2.3 or Certification from the manufacturer local office (Philippines) stating that the bidder is a Tier 1 partner or equivalent is not necessary for a successful implementation of the project. Second, not all brands signed partnership directly with local companies they do thru a local Distributor/s thus, they only have Tier 2 partners.

Yes. Please refer to I. ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE, Item No. 1 for the amendment of the provision.

<p>In order to accommodate more security players in the bid. We would like to request SSS to adjust the qualification/certification requirement to "certified partners" or "authorized partners". Both qualifications would assure SSS of a good successful implementation of the project.</p>	
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