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BAGONG PILIPINAS

INVITATION TO BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF MAIN OFFICE DISTRIBUTION ETHERNET SWITCHES

(ITB-NGPA-SSS-GOODS-2025-020)

1) The *Social Security System (SSS)*, through the *2025 Corporate Operating Budget – Capital Outlay (CO) with Code PAP 2025-0381 of the Annual Procurement Plan* intends to apply the sum of *Fifty-Six Million One Hundred Three Thousand Pesos* (₱56,103,000.00), being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *Replacement of Main Office Distribution Ethernet Switches*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

2) The *SSS* now invites bids for *Replacement of Main Office Distribution Ethernet Switches*. Delivery of the Goods is *within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days receipt of Notice to Proceed and Signed contract.* Bidders should have completed, within a period of five (5) years prior to the date of submission and receipt of bids, contracts similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

3) Bidding will be conducted through competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the IRR of RA No. 12009.

4) The award criteria to be adopted for this Project is Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB), where the considerations for the award of contracts are the eligibility of the bidder, the responsiveness of its bid to technical requirements, and the lowest financial bid

5) Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA No. 5183.

   In case of Joint Venture, persons or entities forming themselves into a joint venture, i.e., a group of two (2) or more persons or entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract: Provided, however, That Filipino ownership or interest of the joint venture concerned shall be at least sixty percent (60%). For this purpose, Filipino ownership or interest shall be based on the contributions of each of the members of the joint venture as specified in their JVA: Provided further, That the primary purpose of each member of the joint venture must be similar or related to the requirement of the project to be bid out.

6) Interested Bidders may obtain further information from *SSS* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

7) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on **13 November 2025** from the address given below upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **₱27,500.00**.

The mode of payment will be on a cash basis payable at the SSS Cash Management Department, Ground Floor, SSS Main Bldg., upon accomplishment of SSS Form R-6. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

8) The *SSS* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **21 November 2025 (Friday), 4:00p.m**. at *Bidding Room, 2nd Floor, SSS Main Bldg., East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City* and/or through video conferencing via *Microsoft Teams,* which shall be open to prospective Bidders.

9) Bids must be duly received by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat through manual submission at the office address indicated below on or before **03 December 2025 (Wednesday) at 2:00p.m.** Late bids shall not be accepted.

10) All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 16.1.

11) Bid opening shall be on **03 December 2025 (Wednesday) at 2:00p.m.** at *Bidding Room, 2nd Floor, SSS Main Bldg., East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City* and/or via *Microsoft Teams.* Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.

12) The SSS warns the public and bidders against unscrupulous individuals or groups posing as SSS officers or employees and soliciting money, gifts, favors, or other benefits for alleged assistance or any purpose. DO NOT GIVE anything to these unscrupulous individuals or groups. The SSS enjoins the cooperation of the public and bidders in reporting such persons/groups to the SSS Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) and the BAC Secretariat.

13) The *SSS* reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Section 70 of R.A. No. 12009, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

14) For further information, please refer to:

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15) You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: *https://www.sss.gov.ph/opportunities*

13 November 2025

THE CHAIRPERSON
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE