



BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE I

Notice of Issuance of Amended Bidding Documents

SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE (1) LOT BRAND NEW MOBILE COMMUNICATION SUITE (TRANSPORTABLE C2 SYSTEM) WITH THREE (3) YEARS SUBSCRIPTION FOR SATELLITE DATA SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (GHQ, AFP)

Bid Reference No. MPG-BI-2020-519

APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT - ₱47,228,915.67

This Notice is being issued to advise bidders that an Amended Bidding Documents shall be issued to comply with the GPPB Circular 04-2020 dated 16 September 2020 relative to the Use of the Simplified Philippine Bidding Documents (PBDs) for Goods and Infrastructure Projects and the submission of the Required Forms for the procurement of Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services.

Due to PhilGEPS Website being under maintenance, this Notice together with the Amended Bidding Documents is posted in the PITC Website only and shall already be binding to all interested bidders

The complete set of Amended Bidding Documents maybe acquired by interested bidders from Monday to Friday between 9:00AM to 2:00PM upon payment of a non-refundable fee as indicated in the Amended Bidding Documents and look for the following BAC Secretariat:

	BAC Secretariat	Local Number
Monday	Jane Arcilla / Vivian Villanueva	382 / 404
Tuesday	Irish Ordillano / Vivian Villanueva	394 / 404
Wednesday	Jane Arcilla / Vivian Villanueva	382 / 404
Thursday	Irish Ordillano	394
Friday	Irish Ordillano	394

It may be also downloaded free of charge from the website of the PhilGEPS and the PITC website. However, only those who have paid the cost of Bidding Documents at least one (1) day before the submission of their bids will be allowed to bid.

Bidders may pay for the cost of Bidding Documents thru any of the following modes of payment:

- 1) **Cash Payment** – PITC Cashier will be available from Tuesday to Thursday between 10:00AM to 2:00PM **OR**

2) Cash Deposit

Interested Bidders may send a request letter for Bank Details to the BAC Secretariat c/o Ma. Theresa Elima at myette.elima@1973.onmicrosoft.com. Thereafter, proof of payment must be emailed back to the BAC Secretariat.

Further, this **Notice** is being issued in response to the clarifications from prospective bidders and to confirm key issues addressed during the Pre-Bid Conference on 05 November 2020 for the afore-cited project.



The following queries below have been answered by the PITC Bids and Awards Committee 1 and the General Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines (GHQ, AFP) and is now re-printed as part of this Notice for the information of all prospective bidders:

IMAGINET INTERNATIONAL INC.

Letter dated 18 November 2020 received on the same date

QUERY NO. 1

BID DATA SHEET

BDS Section 12.1 (iv) states that "Valid and Current Bidder's Radio Dealers Permit issued by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)"

The project comprises Wireless, Network, Radio and VSAT components

Imaginet holds valid and current NTC dealers permits for Wireless, Data Network and VSAT. The radio and microwave components are manufactured and supplied by Harris Defense Communications, a proven supplier to the AFP for many years Harris has appointed Imaginet as their exclusive reseller for the radio and microwave components required for this project. Harris' exclusive Distributor and after sales service and warranty partner in the Philippines is HB Communications Trading Inc

HB Communications Trading Inc holds valid and current NTC dealers permits for Radio HB Communications Trading Inc will be the provider of the training, warranty and technical support to AFP for all Harris radio and microwave components supplied under this ITB response

Imaginet requests that their NTC Wireless, Data Network and VSAT Dealer certificate and HB Communications Trading Inc's NTC Radio Dealer Certificate be considered jointly as meeting and exceeding the overall intention of this clause and in fact offers the AFP a better level of service and support than just a Radio dealer permit on its own.

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

The requirement is revised to read: Bidder must hold at least one (1) NTC Dealers Permit (Wireless Data Network, VSAT or RADIO)

The bidder will still submit the Certification to conduct the training as required in the bidding documents. Its up to the bidder to invite resource persons who will provide the actual training.

QUERY NO. 2

As we know the BAC will understand, technology is constantly progressing, and with a bid validity of 120 days, new and enhanced solutions are being released continually.

Please can you confirm that all stated technical specifications are considered as MINIMUM requirements, and should, for reasons of technological development no longer be available due to obsolescence, that the bidder can offer a system that exceeds these minimum specifications providing there is no technical or cost implication for the client?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

Request Granted. The specifications are the minimum requirements. Bidder can supply a higher rated device as long it is interoperable with the system.



QUERY NO. 3

You identified duplication's during the review and the Pre-Bid question response says that this be re-issued as a Bid Supplement. When can we expect to see this issued so that we can assemble our submission as we would like to submit as soon after the last day of questions (Nov 24th) as possible?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

The bid submission and bid opening has been rescheduled to 14 December 2020.

QUERY NO. 4:

Please confirm as agreed at the meeting that this will be 180 days from NTP

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

Yes, the delivery period is within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from receipt of Notice to Proceed (NTP)

QUERY NO. 5:

The core Network Integrators and all Radio modules are custom build to order and take 120 days from placement of the Purchase Order.

The Tent and ECU are on 100 days from order the trailer is Imaginet's own custom design specifically tailored to hold the equipment that comprises this solution and takes 60 days to manufacture

It is not physically possible for us to make a working system presentation of the actual brand/model components 15 days from receipt of Notice of Lowest/Single Calculated Bid

Imaginet proposes that it provides a combination of Video and Powerpoint presentation that shows every branded system component, with Manufacturers Operations, Maintenance, and Installation manuals, and how they integrate to form this solution.

This presentation will include the guide showing how to connect all subsystems to create an operational Mobile C2 facility, and a guide showing how to disassemble, repack and place back into Transport state as required in Line 12 of V-A 9 of 9 under User Manuals within the 15 calendar day requirement.

Is this an acceptable compromise given the custom nature of the solution and product manufacture lead times?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

Request Granted.

QUERY NO. 6:

"Supplier shall be responsible for securing the required permits/licenses, if any, for the importation"

Please confirm that the AFP will provide a point of contact name and number to support Imaginet's NTC Application for "Permit to Import" items requiring such permits, all of which already have NTC Type Approval.

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

GHQ, AFP will provide the point of contact to the winning bidder thru PITC if required for the implementation of the project.



QUERY NO. 7:

We are concerned that there may be minor variations between what we calculate the expected Duty payable to be in our Financial component, and the actual amounts paid as evidenced by the proof of payment.

The reason for potential variation is that Freight and Fuel Supplement's comprise part of the calculation of the final payable Duty & Taxes, and change on a monthly, or more frequent basis depending on the volatility of fuel prices and freight availability.

How will the BAC treat the situation of the actual Philippine Taxes / Duties paid is less or more than the numbers calculated for the Financial component using the current Freight and Fuel rates, when these underlying components of the calculation may have changed by the time we actually import the goods?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

The Bid indicated in the Bid Form and Price Schedule will prevail.

QUERY NO. 8:

Should we ask the client to retain the PITC/ITB reference in their document footer?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

Question is not clear.

QUERY NO. 9:

Please confirm that since the ABC for the project is ₱47,228,915.67, providing that this is less than US\$1 million on the day of Bid Submission using the BSP.GOV.PH published rate, there will be no requirement for a Countertrade agreement?

If it is not the rate on the day of submission, please confirm what day's rate, and from which authoritative source, is used to make this determination if it is after the sealed bid has been submitted?

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

The fulfillment of Countertrade Obligation will be required once the suppliers / contractors reaches the equivalent of US\$1 million over a period of one (1) year.

IMAGINET INTERNATIONAL INC.

Letter dated 01 December 2020 received on the same date

QUERY NO. 1:

I am requesting an extension to the Bid Submission date due to the fact that the 7 day period that was stated in the pre-bid meeting for answers to questions and a revised ITB or supplement would be published 7 days prior to bid submission passed last Friday Nov 27th and we have yet to see either document.

We hope that you consider our application request to be of merit and will extend the bid closing by 7 days from publication of the two documents

PITC/GHQ, AFP Reply:

The bid submission and bid opening has been rescheduled to 14 December 2020.



Issued this 7th of December 2020 in Makati City.

Reviewed and Approved by:

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