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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Resolution No. 200
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RECOMMENDING TO THE HEAD OF PROCURING ENTITY [HOPE] TO DECLARE FIRST FAILURE OF BIDDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) YEAR INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION (DEDICATED INTERNET ACCESS) WITH 200-400 MBPS BANDWIDTH UNDER PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 21-09-370

WHEREAS, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) posted Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 2021-05 re: **Procurement of One (1) Year Internet Subscription (Dedicated Internet Access) with 200-400 Mbps Bandwidth** with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of **Two Million Nine Hundred Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Pesos Pesos (Php2,908,416.00)**, at the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), PCAF website, and at conspicuous places within/near the premises of the PCAF from November 9 to November 16, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Pre-Bid Conference for the said procurement project was conducted on November 17, 2021 at the Apacible Conference Room A, 3rd Floor, PCAF Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City;

WHEREAS, three (3) bidders namely: *Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.*, *Telectronic Systems Inc. (TSI)*, and *Wifi City, Inc.* responded to the invitation and submitted their respective bid through the BAC Secretariat on the set deadline which were opened during the Bid Opening on December 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, during the opening and preliminary examination of the bids on December 1, 2021, the BAC checked the technical and financial component envelopes submitted by the three (3) bidders in accordance with Section 30 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 9184;

WHEREAS, the BAC ascertained, using a checklist, if all the required documents are present in the technical and financial component envelopes submitted by the bidders, using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion wherein the bidders that submitted all the required documents were rated as “passed”;

WHEREAS, the technical and financial component envelopes of the *Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.*, and *Wifi City, Inc.* were found to include all the required documents, thus, were rated as “passed” and were then forwarded to the BAC-Technical Working Group (TWG) for the detailed evaluation and comparison of bids;

ON THE OTHER HAND, the technical component envelope of the TSI was rated as “failed” and consequently, the BAC decided not to open its financial component envelope;

HOWEVER, on December 3, 2021 TSI filed a request for reconsideration i.e. for the BAC to review its decision to disqualify their bid for the above procurement project;

WHEREAS, after careful deliberation on the said request, the BAC unanimously agreed to grant the motion for reconsideration of the TSI and declared its technical component envelope as “passed” (Attached is BAC Resolution No. 170, S. 2021);

WHEREAS, the financial component envelope of TSI was opened on December 14, 2021 at the BAC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PCAF, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Road,

Diliman, Quezon City and online via Zoom Meeting Platform wherein it was also rated as “passed”;

CONSEQUENTLY, the technical and financial component envelopes of the TSI, having been rated as “passed”, were forwarded to the BAC-TWG for the detailed evaluation and for inclusion in the comparison of the bids;

WHEREAS, the results of the detailed evaluation and comparison of bids conducted by the BAC-TWG are as follows:

- The three (3) bidders are qualified with Platinum PhilGEPS registration;
- The companies are not included in the GPPB list of blacklisted organizations;
- Two (2) of the bidders did not comply with some of the items under the Terms and Conditions and Schedule of Requirements (Section VI of the Bidding Documents), as follows:
 - Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. did not provide the breakdown of costing for installation (i.e. cabling/wiring); and
 - Wifi City, Inc. did not include in its proposal the Multi-Router Traffic Grapher (MRTG) account. Moreover, Wifi City, Inc. did not submit Certificates of IP or content peering (in support to Utilization of five (5) Cable Landing Stations in the Philippines going outside of the country for diversity and redundancy);
- On the other hand, TSI did not include in its proposal the documents to show/support compliance to all the items under the Terms and Conditions and Schedule of Requirements (Section VI of the Bidding Documents);

WHEREAS, the BAC has concurred with the results of the BAC-TWG evaluation and declared all the three (3) bids as “Non-responsive”;

WHEREAS, Section 35.1.c of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 provides that the BAC shall declare the bidding a failure when ***all bids fail to comply with all the bid requirements***;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that we, the members of the BAC, recommend to the HOPE the following:

1. To declare first failure of competitive bidding conducted for ITB No. 2021-05 re: **Procurement of One (1) Year Internet Subscription (Dedicated Internet Access) with 200-400 Mbps Bandwidth**;
2. To instruct the end-user to conduct a mandatory review and evaluation of the terms, conditions, and specifications in the Bidding Documents, including its cost estimates; and based on the findings, revise the terms, conditions, and specifications, and adjust the ABC (if necessary), subject to the required approvals, pursuant to Sections 35.2 and 35.3 of the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. No. 9184; and
3. To conduct a re-bidding with re-advertisement and/or posting as provided for in Section 21.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. No. 9184;

ADOPTED, this 31st of December 2021.

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