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Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference
PROCUREMENT OF IT EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS
Procurement Contract No. 2019-PCOO-I-008
Friday, 11 October 2019, 10:00 AM
4th Floor, New Executive Building Conference Room

Attendance:

Bids and Awards Committee-I¹

1. ASec. Omar V. Romero – *Vice Chairperson*
2. Ms. Alma A. Francisco
3. Mr. Jose L. Ogrimen, Jr.
4. Mr. Emmanuel Alvero – *Provisional BAC Member*

Technical Working Group

1. Ms. Maria Carolina I. Carbonell
2. Ms. Jamie Marie C. Legaspi
3. Ms. Eden Mendoza

BAC Secretariat

1. Atty. Terence Luke B. Domingo
2. Ms. Melba V. Manaog
3. Ms. Ana Jane T. Calar
4. Mr. Crispin B. Rodriguez
5. Mr. Aljomar Han S. Pacasum
6. Ms. Kin Andrea D. Demaisip
7. Mr. Kristian Veil N. Niervez

Other Attendees

1. Mr. Martin Joseph Simbulan
2. Mr. Erle Darius R. Ongsiako

¹ The BAC-I Members who were not present were USec. Marvin R. Gatpayat, Chairperson; ASec. Ana Maria Paz B. Rafael; and Dir. Eugene A. Earle, Jr.

Prospective Bidders

1. Mr. Don Anthony Panti – *PRONET Systems*
2. Ms. Leah Hernandez – *PRONET Systems*
3. Mr. Travis Daniel Wolfe Robles – *Integrated Computer Systems, Inc.*
4. Mr. Francis Parma – *Integrated Computer Systems, Inc.*
5. Mr. JR Narajos – *Integrated Computer Systems, Inc.*
6. Mr. Gerry Reyes – *Sim Computer Sales, Inc.*

Highlights

ASec. Omar V. Romero, BAC-I Vice Chairperson, presided over the meeting, there being a quorum of the BAC-I Members present.

Prior to the inquiries by interested suppliers, the procurement project was briefly described. It was likewise certified that observers were notified of the pre-bid conference for the aforesaid procurement project, and that the invitation to bid was duly posted in accordance with the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the *Government Procurement Reform Act*. Thereafter, the Committee asked the suppliers if they have ever participated in bidding projects, and reminded them to comply strictly with notarial rules.

Thereafter, the suppliers posed their queries regarding the technical specifications, as well as the corresponding clarifications and resolutions for amendments thereto. The same are provided below as follows:

DESKTOP COMPUTERS (HIGH END 1)		
	Query	Clarification
1	Concern: Type of Desktop Computers With regard to the desktop computers, does the PCOO intend to have the CPU and the monitor as separate units? Or to have them integrated in only machine, known as an all-in-one desktop computer?	The PCOO intends to procure all-in-one desktops because of the requirement of a built-in display camera.
2	Concern: Video Support Specifications Do the video support specifications pertain to two (2) extra displays? Or are they compatibility requirements of the all-in-one desktop computers?	The video support specifications pertain to the compatibility requirements of the all-in-one desktop computers. It was resolved that, through a supplemental bid bulletin (SBB), the subject specification would be amended as follows: “Video support <i>for the following:</i> x x x”

3	<p>Concern: HDMI, DVI, and VGA output support</p> <p>Is there a need to provide an adapter?</p>	<p>There is <u>no</u> need to provide an adapter as they refer only to the video support requirements.</p>
DESKTOP COMPUTERS (HIGH END 2)		
4	<p>Concern: Specifications for the Processor</p> <p>The technical specifications stated that the base frequency of the processor is “at least 3.4 GhZ [gigahertz].” The same pertains to an obsolete processor that is not anymore commercially available and operates at a slower speed than currently available processors. In view of such requirement, suppliers would have to provide a transition processor which would feature a higher turbo boost and higher cords and treads.</p>	<p>The technical specifications would be amended to the effect that the processor shall now have at least 3.0 GhZ base frequency.</p>
5	<p>Concern: Specifications for the Processor</p> <p>In addition, the speed of the processor is determined by the number of cores and treads. The transition model has eight (8) cores and 8 treads.</p>	<p>The technical specifications would be amended to the effect that there would no longer be any maximum frequency required. Thus, the phrase “(8M cache, up to 4.0 GhZ)” would be deleted. In lieu thereof, said phrase would be amended as “(8M cache), 8C/8T”</p>
6	<p>Concern: Network Interface</p> <p>The high end 2 desktop computers must have “gigabit ethernet” and “at least Wi-Fi 802.11 ac.” The representative of Sim Computer Sales, Inc. asked whether the gigabit ethernet is “built-in” or a third-party USB dongle. According to him, there are CPUs that have no built-in ethernet.</p>	<p>Per end-user’s clarification, the ethernet is built-in, i.e. part of the CPU. Accordingly, to be added in the forthcoming SBB would be the phrase “built-in” to the specifications for the network interface.</p>
7	<p>Concern: Specifications for the Optical Hard Drive</p>	<p>The suggestion was well taken. Thus, the specifications for the</p>

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	<p>According to the technical specifications, the optical hard drive must be “[a]t least 8x SATA Super Multi Drive.” However, they apparently refer to a specific brand. It was, thus, suggested by the representative from ICS, Inc. that instead, the optical hard drive should be “DVD-RW [rewritable], manufacturer standard.”</p>	<p>optical drive will now be amended as “DVD-RW, manufacturer standard.”</p> <p>Upon acceptance, the compliance of the supplier therewith would be determined based on the playback and recording capabilities of the optical drive.</p>
LAPTOPS (HIGH END 1)		
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>		
LAPTOPS (HIGH END 2)		
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>		
BANDWIDTH MANAGEMENT APPLIANCE		
8	<p>Concern: External Switch</p> <p>Whether the external switch is an additional unit, or a separate unit</p>	<p>The external switch is a separate unit. Thus, the SBB shall include the phrase “(separate unit)” after the phrase “external switch”</p>
9	<p>Concern: External Switch</p> <p>The representative from ICS, Inc. inquired as to whether the external switch is power over ethernet (POE) or non-POE</p>	<p>It is non-POE. Such clarification will be included in the forthcoming SBB.</p>
10	<p>Concern: Warranty</p> <p>Concerns were raised as to the warranty, particularly for the external switch. Normally, the said warranty lasts for one (1) year. If, to be consistent with the three-year warranty provision in the technical specifications, the external switch is to be covered under such warranty, it would increase the premiums, thereby leading to an increase in cost.</p>	<p>The three-year warranty period covers also the external switch.</p> <p>The attending suppliers explained that despite possible increase in costs, the three-year warranty is “not a deal breaker.” Furthermore, they explained also that the duration of the warranty depends on the manufacturer and that as resellers, they need to coordinate with the manufacturers to agree to longer warranty periods.</p>
LATEST SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS		
11	<p>Concern: DVD OEM Installers</p> <p>The representative from ICS, Inc. sought to clarify whether the</p>	<p>Individual DVD installers are needed in order to enable offline installations. Furthermore, the suggestion to delete the term</p>

	PCOO requires a DVD installer, or a media-less, downloadable installer, taking into consideration the latter being a current trend in the software applications market. Furthermore, it was suggested that the phrase “OEM” be removed because it presupposes that the software is pre-installed in the computer units	“OEM” from the technical specifications was well taken. Thus, through the forthcoming SBB, the software applications are no longer required to be OEM.
LATEST LICENSED DESIGN APPLICATIONS		
12	<p>Concern: Multimedia Editing Software</p> <p>The representative from ICS, Inc. asked whether each functionality of the multimedia editing software would be provided as a whole, or on an individual basis. That is, whether such functionalities would be contained in a suite software, or in individual applications.</p>	The PCOO intends to acquire a perpetual license for a suite software that include the enumerated functionalities.
WIRELESS CONTROLLER		
13	<p>Concern: Compatibility Requirements</p> <p>The representative from PRONET Systems inquired as to the existing wireless controller</p>	The PCOO’s existing wireless controller is Zone Director 1200 , while its access point is Ruckus Zoneflex 300 and 310 . Such fact would be reflected in the forthcoming SBB to be issued.
NETWORK VIDEO RECORDER		
14	<p>Concern: Compatibility Requirements</p> <p>The representative from PRONET Systems asked for the brand name of the CCTV units installed in the PCOO.</p>	The brand names of PCOO’s CCTV units are AVTech and Uniview . The PCOO’s NVRs also have the same brand names. Such brand names would be included in the forthcoming SBB.
TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION		
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>		
SECURE SOCKET LAYER CERTIFICATE		
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>		

UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>
SATELLITE WI-FI HOTSPOT
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>
SATELLITE PHONES
<i>(No questions asked by suppliers)</i>

After suppliers posed no further questions regarding the technical specifications, the representative from PRONET Systems then asked whether there is a requirement to submit documents proving that they are either manufacturers or resellers of IT equipment. In response, the Committee clarified that there is no such requirement, although suppliers are not precluded from submitting said documents.

Prior to adjournment, the suppliers were reminded to send through the e-mail address provided in the bidding documents, particularly the invitation to bid, their written requests for further clarifications regarding the technical specifications. They were required to do so within the period allowed under the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of the Government Procurement Reform Act. Furthermore, they were likewise reminded to ensure that all entries are filled, and to attach to their bids proof of acceptance and delivery (e.g. official receipts and sales invoices). Lastly, the Committee emphasized that since all of the suppliers have Platinum Certificates of Registration in the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), they need not submit Class “A” eligibility documents. However, said suppliers were reminded that they are required to submit their audited financial statements and other relevant documents on post-qualification.

Thereafter, the Pre-Bid Conference was adjourned, there being no further matters raised.

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