

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY
TANGGAPAN NG KALIHIM SA PAMAMAHAYAG
Manila

Section I. Invitation to Bid

FOR THE

Purified Drinking Water (Early Procurement) (Procurement/Contract No. 2022-OPS-EPA-005-2) (Second Round)

1. The Office of the Press Secretary through the authorized National Expenditure Program for 2023 intends to procure the **Purified Drinking Water (Early Procurement) (Procurement/ Contract No. 2022-OPS-EPA-005-2) (Second Round)** with the sum **Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Pesos (PHP213,840.00)** being the proposed Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the project. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The OPS now invites bids for the above procurement project. Supply and Delivery of the Goods shall be in accordance with Section VI. Schedule of Requirements, and Section VII. Technical Specifications. Bidders should have completed, within three [3] years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract 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 open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “*pass/fail*” criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

In compliance with GPPB Resolution 09-2020 entitled, “Approving Measures for the Efficient Conduct of Procurement Activities during a State of Calamity or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restrictions”, the OPS Bids and Awards Committee confirms, adopts, and approves measures for online or electronic bidding, as recommended by the GPPB-TSO, for the efficient conduct of all procurement activities, regardless of the procurement modality, during the pandemic.

In view of the foregoing, the procedure for this procurement project shall be in accordance with OPS BAC Resolution No. 2020-0018-A for the Amended Online Bidding Guidelines and the Bidder’s Kit, collectively attached hereto as Annex “A.” GPPB forms and other bidding forms are herein attached as Annex “B.”

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.

4. Prospective Bidders may obtain further information from OPS BAC Secretariat and through the e-mail address given below and inspect the Bidding Documents posted at the OPS website.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents, in digital copy, may be acquired by interested Bidders starting **25 November 2022** from the OPS website given below and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of **Five Hundred Pesos (PHP500.00)**.

The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees by sending a clear scanned copy of the Official Receipt **on or before the deadline of submission of bids** to the OPS BAC Secretariat e-mail given below

6. Considering that the ABC for this project is below One Million Pesos (PHP1,000,000.00), to ensure that this Committee will be able to recommend to the Head of Procuring Entity (HoPE) a contract award before the approval of the 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA) or reenacted budget, as the case may be,¹ the OPS will no longer hold a Pre-Bid Conference for this project pursuant to Section 22.1 of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Rules (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184².
7. Bids must be duly received and acknowledged by the BAC Secretariat through online or electronic submission at bacl@ops.gov.ph **on or before 6 December 2022 at 8:00AM** in the manner compliant with the submission of eligibility documents for public bidding and in accordance with the above-mentioned OPS BAC Resolution No. 2020-0018-A for the Amended Online Bidding Guidelines and the Bidder's Kit. Late bids shall not be accepted.
8. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 14.
9. Bid opening shall be on **6 December 2022 at 11:30AM** via Zoom video conferencing. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.

¹ [GPPB Circular 06-2019 – Guidelines on the Implementation of Early Procurement Activities](#)

² xxxx For contracts to be bid with an ABC of less than One Million Pesos (₱1,000,000), pre-bid conferences **may be conducted at the discretion of the BAC.** xxxx

10. Prospective bidders are requested to organize and submit their Bids electronically in accordance with the OPS-BAC Amended Online Guidelines and suppliers are hereby reminded, as follows:
- a) The submission of the Legal and Technical Documents (First Envelope) and Financial Documents (Second Envelope) shall be in a password-protected ZIP folder and PDF file;
 - b) There shall be **four (4) different passwords required**: one (1) unique password for the ZIP folder of First Envelope; one (1) unique password for the PDF file under the ZIP folder of First Envelope; one (1) unique password for the ZIP folder of the Second Envelope; and one (1) unique password for the PDF file under the ZIP folder of the Second Envelope;
 - c) The password-protected PDF file in the First Envelope shall contain the scanned original copy of the consolidated Legal and Technical documents. Said PDF file shall be assigned the file name, “OPS Bidding No. 2022-OPS-EPA-001; (Name of Bidder); Legal and Technical Documents.” There should be one (1) unique password for this PDF file;
 - d) The password-protected PDF file in the Second Envelope shall contain the scanned original copy of the consolidated Financial documents. Said PDF file shall be assigned the file name “OPS Bidding No. 2022-OPS-EPA-001 (Name of Bidder); Financial Documents.” There should be one (1) unique password for this PDF file; and
 - e) In any case where the files to be submitted exceed the size limit of the e-mail, the bidder may submit their bid via separate e-mails, provided, that the subject line for each mail should indicate to which part of the several it corresponds to (i.e., Part 1 of Legal and Technical Documents, Part 2 of Legal and Technical Documents, etc.). One set of passwords for the said components may be allowed in case of splitting, provided that the passwords for the Eligibility Requirements are separate and distinct from the Financial Requirements.

To facilitate the evaluation of documents, the bidder is encouraged to include a table of contents per PDF file, corresponding page numbers, and title pages before the actual document. For reference, the sample bidding documents may be downloaded via these links: [Technical Component Envelope \(1st Envelope\)](#); [Financial Component Envelope \(2nd Envelope\)](#).

In case the bidder fails to submit any or all of the documentary requirements in a password-protected PDF files, the bid/quotation will