

Section I. Invitation to Bid



Republic of the Philippines

National Economic and Development Authority
Region IV-A (Calabarzon)

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE 2ND PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE PROVISION OF NEXT GENERATION APPLICATION FIREWALL AND NETWORK EQUIPMENT

1. The *National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Regional Office IV-A*, through the *Regular Agency Fund, FY 2021 General Appropriations Act, RA 11518*, intends to apply the sum of
 - *PhP989,998.00 for Lot 1: Supply and Delivery, Installation and Configuration of a Next Generation Application Firewall*
 - *PhP215,657.00 Lot 2: Supply and Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Network Equipment*being the ABC to payments under the contract for each lot. Bids received in excess of the ABC for each lot shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The *NEDA Regional Office IV-A*, now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Delivery of the Goods is required within *ninety (90) days* from receipt of *Notice to Proceed*. Bidders should have completed a contract similar to the Project within *four (4) years* prior to the date of submission and receipt of bids. 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 Updated 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”.
4. 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.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders from *August 12 to August 26, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday* at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of *PhP989.00 for Lot 1; and PhP215.00 for Lot 2*. *The payment of the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents is through cash or bank deposit.*

The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees in person or through electronic means not later than **12:00 noon on August 26, 2021**.

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

6. The **NEDA Regional Office IV-A**, will not hold a **Pre-Bid Conference** for this 2nd Public Bidding. All queries and clarifications raised during the Pre-Bid Conference on July 5, 2021 for the first posted public bidding with the same items were all incorporated in this bidding document.
7. Hard copies of Sealed Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat at the office address indicated below, on or before **12:00 noon on August 26, 2021**. 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 **at 1:30 p.m. on August 26, 2021**. Actual opening of bid documents will be at the **NEDA Makiling Hall, NEDA Region IV-A Building, Barangay Milagrosa, Calamba City, Laguna**. Opening of bids will be shared **via Zoom with the bidders' representatives**. The bidders shall appoint their authorized representative/s who may **attend the physical (depending on quarantine restrictions) or virtual opening of bids** with meeting link provided by **NEDA Regional Office IV-A**. The authorized representative should present an authorization letter from the owner/bidder.
10. The **NEDA Regional Office IV-A**, 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 Sections 35.6 and 41 of the Updated 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
11. For further information, please refer to:

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12. You may visit the following websites:
For downloading of Bidding Documents: *PhilGEPS Website*
<https://calabarzon.neda.gov.ph/>

August 11, 2021


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