

# ***Section I. Invitation to Bid***



Republic of the Philippines

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**National Economic and Development Authority**  
**Region IV-A (CALABARZON)**

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**PROVISION OF NEXT GENERATION APPLICATION FIREWALL AND NETWORK EQUIPMENT –  
UNDER NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT – TWO (2) FAILED BIDDINGS**

1. In view of the two (2) failed public biddings, 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 under negotiated procurement. Bids received in excess of the ABC for each lot shall automatically be rejected during bid opening.
2. The *NEDA Regional Office IV-A*, now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Delivery of the Goods is required within *sixty (60) 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”, and such other requirement as indicated in the Bidding Documents.
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 *September 18 to October 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays* at the address as manifested in the succeeding statements, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of *PhP989.00 for Lot 1; and PhP215.00 for Lot 2* pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB. *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 October 11, 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 hold a **Negotiation Conference** on **September 27, 2021, 2:00 p.m.** through **video conferencing via Zoom**, which shall be open to all interested parties with **written authorization letter** from their principals. A prospective bidder should submit a letter in advance, addressed to the NBAC Chairperson via electronic mail through **gs.neda4a@gmail.com**, containing the **name, email address, and contact number** of its authorized representative/s, and certifying that said representative/s has/have authority to speak for and in behalf of the company.
7. **Best and Final Offer** must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through **manual submission** at the office address indicated below, on or before **12:00 noon on October 11, 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. **Opening of Best and Final Offer** shall be **at 2:00 p.m. on October 11, 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 principals shall appoint their authorized representative/s who may **attend the physical or virtual (depending on quarantine restrictions) opening of bids** with the meeting link provided by **NEDA Regional Office IV-A.** The authorized representative/s should present an authorization letter from the principals.
10. The **NEDA Regional Office IV-A**, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including that of a single eligible bidder, waive any minor deviation in the submitted documents that will not materially affect the substance of the bid, 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 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/>*

**September 17, 2021**

  
**VALTER L. MORADA**

Chairperson, NEDA IV-A BAC and  
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