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Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID
“PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY FIREWALL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN”

1. The Office of the Ombudsman through the General Appropriations Act for CY 2020 intends to apply the sum of **Six Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Pesos (₱6,890,976.00)**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments of the procurement of the **Annual Subscription and Preventive Maintenance of Security Firewall Infrastructure for the Office of the Ombudsman (PB 2020-07)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The Office of the Ombudsman now invites bids for the **Public Bidding for the Annual Subscription and Preventive Maintenance of Security Firewall Infrastructure for the Office of the Ombudsman**. Delivery of goods and services is required within **thirty (30) calendar days and one (1) year for preventive maintenance after receipt of the Notice to Proceed**. Bidders should have completed within five (5) years a contract similar to the Project, equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC. 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) 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”.

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 5183. Interested bidders should be enrolled in the Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) program of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), pursuant to Executive Order No. 398, RR 3-2005, and must be registered under the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS).

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders starting July 02, 2020 to July 21, 2020, from the address below and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (₱ 5,000.00).

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

5. The Office of the Ombudsman will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **July 09, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** via online services which shall be open to all interested parties.

6. Bids must be submitted thru an electronic form on or before **July 21, 2020, 11:00 a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be on July 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via online services. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend via online. Late bids shall not be accepted.

7. Please refer to the table below for the cost of the bidding documents and summary of bidding activities:

COST OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS	₱ 5,000.00 (Non-refundable)
INSPECTION/SELLING PERIOD OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS	July 02, 2020 to July 21, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Via PhilGEPS or Ombudsman Website - Kindly contact the BAC Secretariat for the Ombudsman account number thru email address
PRE-BID CONFERENCE	July 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - via zoom app - Prospective bidders who will join may submit their email address to BAC Secretariat email on or before 9:00 a.m. of July 09, 2020
DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF BIDS (Late bids shall not be accepted)	On or before July 21, 2020, 11:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bidder/s is required to submit an electronic copy of their Eligibility, Technical and Financial Proposal with encrypted password
OPENING OF BIDS	July 21, 2020, 1:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - via zoom - Bidder/s who will join may submit their email address to BAC Secretariat email on or before 11:00 a.m. of July 21, 2020

8. The Office of the Ombudsman 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 Section 41 of RA 9184 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

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