

## Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Ombudsman Building, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City

## BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE - MAIN RESOLUTION NO. 05-002 (PB) s. 2021 RE: AWARD FOR THE PUBLIC BIDDING OF QUARTERLY GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES REQUIREMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN (PB 2021-02)

WHEREAS, the Office of the Ombudsman has programmed the procurement of Quarterly General Office Supplies Requirement for the Office of the Ombudsman (APP Code: 2021APP-01) with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Three Million Two Hundred Two Thousand Pesos (P 3,202,000.00);

WHEREAS, Purchase Request (PR) No. CO-20-10-124 with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Three Million Two Hundred Two Thousand Pesos (P 3,202,000.00) for the procurement of "Quarterly General Office Supplies Requirement for the Office of the Ombudsman" for the use of GSD-PMS, was approved;

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) — Main, in an approved Technical Working Group (TWG) Memorandum dated 09 December 2020, was authorized to conduct its procurement through Public Bidding<sup>1</sup> in accordance with the provisions of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184;

WHEREAS, on 24 February 2021, the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for PB 2021-02: Public Bidding of Quarterly General Office Supplies Requirement for the Office was posted at the PhilGEPS, Ombudsman Website and as well as in the Agency's Bulletin Board;

WHEREAS, Letters of Invitation for the Pre-Bid Conference, Opening of Bids, Bid Evaluation and Post-Qualification were sent and received by the following Witnesses and Observers:

- a. Hon. Warren Rex H. Liong (Overall Deputy Ombudsman, OODO)
- b. AO Pilarita T. Lapitan (Assistant Ombudsman, OMB-Proper)
- c. Mr. Crisanto S. Friancza (Secretary General, Phil. Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
- d. Mr. Paterno Menzon (Co-Chairman, Coalition Against Corruption Bishops Business Conference Laiko (Government Procurement Monitoring Committee)
- e. Mr. Joey I. Bernandino (State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, COA)
- f. Mr. Nolasco B. Ducay (OMBEA Representative)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The TWG recommended the breakdown into three (3) lots, to wit: Lot 1 = General Office Supplies with an ABC of Php 784,000.00; Lot 2 = Data Folders with ABC of Php 300,000.00; Lot 3 = Bookpaper with an ABC of Php 1,380,000.00); and Lot 4 = Original Toners/Ink cartridges with an ABC of Php 738,000.00.

WHEREAS, for the period 24 February 2021 to 15 March 2021, four (4) prospective bidders<sup>2</sup> purchased the bidding documents;

WHEREAS, on 04 March 2021 at 1:30 p.m. a Pre-Bid Conference<sup>3</sup> was conducted online via Microsoft Teams Application with the BAC-Main, TWG, five (5) prospective bidders and witnesses/observers in attendance;

WHEREAS, on 08 March 2021, Supplemental / Bid Bulletin No. 1<sup>4</sup> dated 08 March 2021 was issued providing for the amendments to the Bidding documents;

WHEREAS, on 15 March 2021, four (4) bidders<sup>5</sup> submitted their bids before the 12:00 p.m. deadline and on 16 March 2021 at 1:30 p.m. the BAC-Main conducted the Opening of Bids<sup>6</sup> through Microsoft Teams Application;

WHEREAS, after the conduct of eligibility check and evaluation of the submitted bids,<sup>7</sup> the BAC-Main through the TWG, rated three (3) bidders<sup>8</sup> as "PASSED" in all the eligibility requirements and declared them as "ELIGIBLE" to participate further in the opening of bids;

WHEREAS, one (1) bidder, Integrated Computer Systems, Inc. (ICSI), was declared as "INELIGIBLE" to participate further in the opening of bids for being rated as "failed" due to its submission of an unsigned Amended Ombudsman Bid Form No. 1D (Technical Proposal for Lot 4);

WHEREAS, ICSI filed a Letter-Request for Reconsideration<sup>9</sup> dated 18 March 2021 and in an Order<sup>10</sup> dated 22 March 2021, the BAC-Main denied its request for reconsideration;

WHEREAS, on 23 March 2021 at 1:30 p.m. a Bid Evaluation<sup>11</sup> was conducted to further evaluate the completeness of the bids and arithmetical calculations of the submitted Financial Components (Envelope No. 2) of the bidders, viz:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Quartz Business Products Corporation (QUARTZ), Integrated Computer Systems, Inc. (ICSI), Advance Paper Corporation (ADVANCE PAPER) and Centerpoint Sales and Trading Inc. (CENTERPOINT)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Annex "A" Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Posted at the PhilGEPS, OMB Website and Bulletin Board on 08 March 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> QUARTZ (12 March 2021 at 11:10 a.m.); ICSI (15 March 2021, at 9:42 a.m.); ADVANCE PAPER (15 March 2021 at 11:00 a.m.); and, CENTERPOINT (15 March 2021 at 11:49 a.m.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Annex "B" Minutes of the Opening of Bids

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Annex "C" Summary of the Opening of Bids

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> QUARTZ for Lot 4; ADVANCE PAPER for Lot 3; CENTERPOINT for Lots 1, 2 and 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Annex "D" Letter-request for Reconsideration

<sup>10</sup> Annex "E" Order issued by the BAC

<sup>11</sup> Annex "F" Summary of the Bid Evaluation

NAME OF BIDDER	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4
CENTERPOINT SALES AND TRADING, INC.	<u>₽ 778,887.80</u>	<u>P 279,885.00</u>	P 1,338,000.00	No bid
	"Single Calculated Bid"	"Single Calculated Bid"		
ADVANCE PAPER CORP.	No bid	No bid	P 1,113,810.00  "Lowest Calculated Bid"	No bid
QUARTZ BUSINESS PRODUCTS CORP.	No bid	No bid	No bid	P 737,985.00  "Single Calculated Bid"

WHEREAS, on 31 March 2021, Notices of Post Qualification<sup>12</sup> were issued and the bidders were required to submit within five (5) days from receipt of the said notice the original copies and certified true copies of the required documents to the TWG/BAC during the post-qualification proceedings;

WHEREAS, on 06 April 2021, through BAC Resolution No. 04-001, <sup>13</sup> the BAC-Main issued a Notice of Suspension <sup>14</sup> of the conduct of the procurement proceedings for PB 2021-02 effective on 31 March 2021 considering that Metro Manila and the nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal were placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, on 17 May 2021, a Notice of Resumption<sup>15</sup> of the post qualification activity was issued;

WHEREAS, the TWG conducted the necessary post-qualification proceedings pursuant to the Notices of Post-Qualification. After validation and verification, the TWG determined that Centerpoint, <sup>16</sup> Advance Paper<sup>17</sup> and Quartz<sup>18</sup> satisfactorily presented the documents required of them, complied with the OMB technical specifications and are responsive to all the legal requirements and conditions for eligibility, and recommended the award of contract;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Notices of Post Qualification dated 31 March 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> BAC Resolution No. 04-001 series of 2021: Re: Suspension of the Conduct of Procurement Activities for PB 2021-02: Public Bidding of CY 2021 General Office Supplies Requirement of the Office of the Ombudsman pursuant to GPPB Resolution no. 09-2020 dated May 7, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Posted in the OMB Website and sent to the concerned bidders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Posted in the OMB Website and sent to the concerned bidders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> TWG Post-Qualification Report on Centerpoint for Lots 1 & 2 of PB 2021-02 dated 28 May 2021 received on 31 May 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> TWG Post-Qualification Report on Advance Paper for Lot 3 of PB 2021-02 dated 28 May 2021 received on 31 May 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> TWG Post-Qualification Report on Quartz for Lot 4 of PB 2021-02 dated 28 May 2021 received on 31 May 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Bids and Awards Committee hereby RESOLVE and RECOMMEND the award of contract to the following bidders, to wit:

- 1) CENTERPOINT TRADING AND SALES, INC. for tendering the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid for Lot 1 in the amount of P 778,887.80 and the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid for Lot 2 in the amount of 279,885.00, subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance;
- 2) ADVANCE PAPER CORPORATION for tendering the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid for Lot 3 in the amount of P 1,113,810.00, subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance; and,
- 3) QUARTZ BUSINESS PRODUCTS CORPORATION for tendering the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid for Lot 4 in the amount of P 737,985.00, subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance.

SO RESOLVED.

31 May 2021, Quezon City, Philippines.

GIPO I, GIB-E, FIO II Member

RICHARD & VALLEJO GIPO II, PIÁAPB-D, LUZON

Member

JULI WER ROQUE LAMUG GIPO II, DO-LUZON PROPER Member

CHRISTIAN L. TARCE ASP I, BUREAU X, OSP Member

NELLIE P. BÖGUEN-GOLEZ Director, PIAB-D, PAMO II Member

ADORIE T Acting Director II, FMS

Vice-Chairperson

Acting Assistant Ombudsman, OMB-Luzon Chairperson

The dispositive portion reads thus:

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- 3) QUARTZ BUSINESS PRODUCTS CORPORATION for tendering the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid for Lot 4 in the amount of P 737,985.00, subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance.

SO RESOLVED."

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:** 

**CERTIFIED FUNDS AVAILABLE:** 

WEOMARK BAANG, LAYSO Assistant Ombudsman, FMIO LEILANIE BERNADETTE C. CABRAS

Assistant Ombudsman, GAO

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

WARKEN REX H. LIONG
Overall Deputy Ombudsman

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