



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**  
Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1105

**INVITATION TO BID FOR  
PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE DEDICATED/LEASED LINE INTERNET  
CONNECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

1. The Office of the Ombudsman, through the National Expenditure Program FY 2024, intends to apply the sum of **Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱3,200,000.00)**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the **Public Bidding for the Dedicated/Leased Line Internet Connection for the Office of the Ombudsman with Project Identification No. PB 2024-01 (EPA)**. 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 **Early Procurement Activity (EPA)** of the above Procurement Project, in accordance with the provisions under Appendix 31 of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (2016 revised IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (RA 9184). **Delivery of goods and services for this project is required within forty-five days (45 days) from receipt of the Notice to Proceed.** This project covers the supply, delivery, installation, testing and provisioning of the dedicated/leased line internet connection to be completed within 45 days from receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
3. Bidders should have completed, within five (5) years from the submission and receipt of bids, 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.
4. 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".
5. 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).
6. Prospective Bidders may obtain further information from the Office of the Ombudsman-Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat-Main (BAC Sec-Main) via email at **[bac@ombudsman.gov.ph](mailto:bac@ombudsman.gov.ph)** and inspect the Bidding Documents posted at the Ombudsman and the PhilGEPS websites.
7. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired/downloaded by the interested Bidders starting **01 December 2023 to 27 December 2023 from the address 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 Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00)**. The Procurement Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees **through electronic means not later than the submission of their bids**.

The bidding documents may also be downloaded **FREE OF CHARGE** from the websites of PhilGEPS and the Office of the Ombudsman, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

- 8. The Office of the Ombudsman will hold a **Pre-Bid Conference on 11 December 2023 (Monday) at 09:30A.M. through video conferencing via Google Meet application**, which shall be open to prospective bidders. Prospective bidders should signify their intention to participate by sending an **email to BAC Secretariat-Main** through the email address given below. The Meeting Link and other details related to the video conference will be sent to the participants at least one (1) day before the event through email.
- 9. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat-Main through manual/physical submission at the designated receiving area with authorized receiving personnel of the Central Records Division of the Office of the Ombudsman on or before **27 December 2023 (Wednesday) at 02:00P.M. Late bids shall not be accepted. Unsealed or unmarked bid envelopes shall be rejected.** (Reference: Sec. 25.9, 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184).
- 10. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 14.
- 11. **Bid opening** shall be on **28 December 2023 (Thursday) at 09:30A.M through video conferencing using Google Meet application** (face-to-face for the BAC Secretariat Main personnel). The Meeting Link and other details related to the video conference will be sent to the participants at least one (1) day before the event through email. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend the activity.
- 12. Prospective bidders, who wish to join the pre-bid conference and the bid opening through video conferencing using Google Meet, must sent a letter of intent containing the names and email addresses of interested participants to the BAC Secretariat-Main email address: **bac@ombudsman.gov.ph**.
- 13. The award of contract for Procurement Projects undertaken through EPA may be made only upon the following conditions and shall be in accordance with Item 7 of Appendix 31 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184:
  - a) approval and effectivity of the funding sources, to wit: (i) General Appropriations Act; (ii) Corporate Budget; (iii) Appropriates Ordinance; or (iv) loan agreement in the case of FAPs; or
  - b) the reenactment of the previous year’s budget which constitutes the current year’s authorized budget, when authorized by the Constitution, law or rules.
- 14. 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 Sections 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
- 15. Please refer to the table below for the cost of the bidding documents and summary of bidding activities:

<b>COST OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS (Non-refundable)</b>	<b>₱5,000.00</b>
<b>INSPECTION/SELLING PERIOD OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>01 December 2023 to 27 December 2023</b>  - Bidding documents may be downloaded from the PhilGEPS website and Ombudsman website.  - For payment of bidding fees, prospective bidders may inquire from the BAC Secretariat Main for

	payment details. Proof of payment such as deposit slips and transaction receipts may be submitted via email for the issuance of Official Receipt.
<b>PRE-BID CONFERENCE</b>	<b>11 December 2023 (Monday) at 09:30 A.M.</b>  - Video Conferencing via Google Meet application - Prospective bidders should signify their intention to participate by sending an email to BAC Secretariat-Main and Google Meet Meeting Link and other details will be provided at least one (1) day before the event.
<b>DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF BIDS</b> (Note: Late bids shall not be accepted. Unsealed or unmarked bid envelopes shall be rejected) (Reference: Sec. 25.9, 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184)	<b>27 December 2023 (Wednesday) at 02:00P.M.</b>  - <b>Manual/physical submission of bidding documents</b> at the designated receiving area with authorized receiving personnel of Central Records Division of the Office of the Ombudsman, Ombudsman Main Building, Agham Road, Quezon City.
<b>OPENING OF BIDS</b>	<b>28 December 2023 (Thursday) at 09:30A.M.</b>  - Video Conferencing via Google Meet application - Prospective bidders should signify their intention to participate by sending an email to BAC Secretariat-Main and Google Meet Meeting Link and other details will be provided at least one (1) day before the event.

16. For further information, please refer to:

**BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT-MAIN**

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[www.ombudsman.gov.ph](http://www.ombudsman.gov.ph) (See Bid Announcements)

*Note: Please communicate through the email addresses or telephone number provided above. Also, all requests should be in writing and addresses to the BAC Secretariat-Main.*

17. You may visit the following websites for downloading of Bidding Documents:

- **Office of the Ombudsman Official Website:** [www.ombudsman.gov.ph](http://www.ombudsman.gov.ph) (see links under *Bid Announcements*>under *Invitation to Bid*)
- **Log in at PhilGEPS Website:** <https://notices.philgeps.gov.ph/>

30 November 2023, Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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