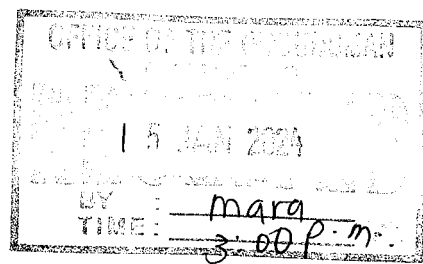




Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Bids and Awards Committee – Main
Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1105

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE - MAIN
RESOLUTION NO. PB-23-10 series of 2023



RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, INTEGRATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE (1) LOT OF FIREWALL-SDWAN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN WITH MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES (PB 2023-09)

WHEREAS, the Office of the Ombudsman has programmed and approved Purchase Request (PR) No. PU-22-07-124¹ for the procurement of “Supply, Delivery, Installation, Integration and Commissioning of One (1) Lot of Firewall-SDWAN Infrastructure of the Office of the Ombudsman with Maintenance and Support Services” (APP Code: 2023APP-037) for the use of the Management Information System Service (MISS) with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Nineteen Million Three Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (PhP19,398,600.00);

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee-Main (BAC-Main), in an approved Memorandum dated 18 September 2023², was authorized to conduct its procurement through public bidding in accordance with the Updated 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184;

WHEREAS, the BAC-Main constituted a Technical Working Group (TWG) to assist in the preparation/determination of the appropriate specifications and eligibility requirements for the said procurement project;³

WHEREAS, a Pre-Procurement Conference was conducted on 07 September 2023 through videoconferencing with the Chairperson and Members of the BAC-Main, Chairperson and Members of the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat in attendance;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the BAC-Main and the TWG, the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE) approved the technical specifications and total ABC of this procurement;

WHEREAS, the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the Public Bidding for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Integration and Commissioning of One (1) Lot of Firewall-SDWAN Infrastructure of the Office of the Ombudsman (PB 2023-09) was posted on the PhilGEPS and Office of the Ombudsman (OMB) websites, and BAC Bulletin Board on 13 October 2023;

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

- a. Hon. Dante F. Vargas (Officer-in-Charge, Overall Deputy Ombudsman for Finance and Administrative Matters, OODO);
- b. Assistant Ombudsman Pilarita T. Lapitan (OMB-Proper);
- c. Mr. Crisanto S. Frianeza (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. Ms. Teresita S. Miguel (Supervising Auditor, COA); and
- f. Ms. Joanna Mae E. Alberto (President, OMBEA);

¹ Copy of PR is attached, for ready reference.

² Memorandum dated 18 September 2023 re: Proposed technical specifications and approved budget for the contract for PB 2023-09.

³ Memorandum dated 28 July 2023, 02 August 2023 and 14 August 2023.



WHEREAS, a Pre-Bid Conference⁴ was conducted online via Google Meet on 23 October 2023 with the BAC-Main, TWG, BAC Secretariat, witnesses/observers, and four (4) prospective bidders in attendance;

WHEREAS, on 27 October 2023, Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1 was issued for the Amendments/Clarifications in the Bidding Documents;⁵

WHEREAS, four (4) bidders purchased and submitted their bidding documents before the 02:00 p.m. deadline on 03 November 2023;

WHEREAS, the Opening of Bids⁶ was conducted⁷ on 06 November 2023 at 01:30 p.m., with the BAC-Main, TWG, BAC Secretariat, bidders, witnesses, and observers in attendance;

WHEREAS, after the conduct of eligibility check and evaluation of the submitted bids,⁸ the BAC-Main, upon the recommendation of the TWG, rated TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC., PRONET SYSTEMS INTEGRATED NETWORK SOLUTION, INC., UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS PHIL., INC., AND INFOBAHN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. as "PASSED" in all their eligibility requirements and declared them "ELIGIBLE" to participate further in the opening of bids;

WHEREAS, the BAC-Main, upon the recommendation of the TWG, declared PRONET SYSTEMS INTEGRATED NETWORK SOLUTION, INC. (PRONET) as the bidder with the lowest bid;

WHEREAS, after the Opening of Bids, a Bid Evaluation⁹ was conducted to further evaluate the completeness of the bids and arithmetical calculations of the submitted Financial Components (Envelope No. 2) of the eligible bidders;

WHEREAS, upon detailed examination of PRONET's financial component, the BAC-Main declared its bid as non-responsive because there are lacking entries in the Price Schedule, thus, it failed to submit a complete bid in accordance with the published Instruction to Bidders;

WHEREAS, the TWG determined that there were no errors in the computations and no other bid modifications in the bid submitted by the INFOBAHN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (INFOBAHN), TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC., AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS;

WHEREAS, the result of the entire Bid Evaluation are as follows:

SEQ.	NAME OF BIDDER	FINANCIAL BID	RANKING	REMARKS
1	TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	PhP17,888,000.00	2	2 nd Lowest Calculated Bid
2	PRONET SYSTEMS INTEGRATED NETWORK SOLUTION, INC.	PhP16,964,850.00		Non-responsive bid

⁴ Annex "A" - Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference.

⁵ Posted/published on 27 October 2023.

⁶ Annex "B" - Minutes of the Opening of Bids.

⁷ via Google Meet for BAC-Main, bidders, witnesses and observers while TWG and BAC Secretariat in physical attendance.

⁸ Annex "C" - Abstract of Bids.

⁹ Annex "D" - Summary of Bid Evaluation

3	UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS	PhP18,086,302.37/	3	3 rd Lowest Calculated Bid ✓
4	<u>INFOBAHN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</u>	<u>PhP17,000,800.00</u> ✓	<u>1</u>	<u>Lowest</u> ✓ <u>Calculated</u> <u>Bid</u>

WHEREAS, based on the results of the Bid Evaluation, INFOBAHN was declared as the Lowest Calculated Bid; ✓

WHEREAS, on 07 November 2023, a Notice of Post Qualification was sent to INFOBAHN, requiring it to submit/present during the Post Qualification proceeding to be conducted on 10 November 2023, ✓ the original copies and certified true copies of the required documents to the TWG/BAC. Witnesses and observers were likewise invited to attend the said activity;

WHEREAS, after validation, verification and determination during the post-qualification proceeding, the TWG found that INFOBAHN¹⁰ had satisfactorily presented the documents required, complied with this Office's technical specifications and was responsive to all the legal requirements and conditions for eligibility; hence, the TWG recommended the award of contract to the said supplier;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the BAC - Main hereby **RESOLVE** and **RECOMMEND** to award the contract to **INFOBAHN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**, for tendering the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid for the **Public Bidding for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Integration and Commissioning of One (1) Lot of Firewall-SDWAN Infrastructure of the Office of the Ombudsman with Maintenance and Support Services (PB 2023-09)** in the amount of Seventeen Million Eight Hundred Pesos (Php 17,000,800.00), subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance. ✓

SO RESOLVED.

22 November 2023, Quezon City, Philippines.

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE – MAIN


MARIA CRISTINA T. CAUSAPIN
Member 11/23


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¹⁰ TWG Post-Qualification Report on PB 2023-09 dated 17 November 2023, received on 17 November 2023.

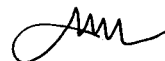
The dispositive portions reads thus:

“NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the BAC - Main hereby RESOLVE and RECOMMEND to award the contract to INFOBAHN COMMUNICATIONS, INC., for tendering the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid for the Public Bidding for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Integration and Commissioning of One (1) Lot of Firewall-SDWAN Infrastructure of the Office of the Ombudsman with Maintenance and Support Services (PB 2023-09) in the amount of Seventeen Million Eight Hundred Pesos (Php 17,000,800.00), subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance.


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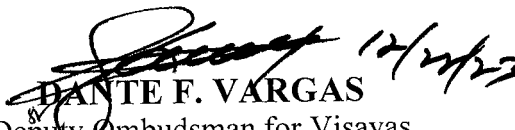

ADORACION A. AGBADA
Chairperson

Certified Funds Available:

 12/20/23
ADORIE T. CORNITO
OIC-FMIO
(Office Order No. 258 series of 2023)

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:


CAESAR D. ASUNCION
Assistant Ombudsman, CAO, AO I/
DEC 20 2023
(Office Order No. 123 series of 2023)

 12/24/23
DANTE F. VARGAS
Deputy Ombudsman for Visayas
Officer-in-Charge, Overall Deputy Ombudsman
for Finance and Administrative Matters
(per Office Order No. 83, s. 2023) -

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED:


SAMUEL R. MARTIRES
Ombudsman