



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Bids and Awards Committee – Main

Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue
(formerly Agham Road), Diliman, Quezon City 1105

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE - MAIN
RESOLUTION NO. PB-24-001 series of 2024



OMB PROPER

**RE: RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC BIDDING
FOR THE DEDICATED/ LEASED LINE INTERNET CONNECTION FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN [PB2024-01 (EPA)]
(EARLY PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY)**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Ombudsman has programmed and approved Purchase Request (PR) No. PU-23-10-156¹ for the procurement of Dedicated/Leased Line Internet Connection for the use of the Management Information System Service (MISS), with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP3,200,000.00). The procurement of the said project is included in the Early Procurement Activity of this Office;

WHEREAS, in an approved Memorandum dated 02 October 2023², the Bids and Awards Committee-Main (BAC-Main), was authorized to conduct the procurement for the said project through competitive public bidding in accordance with the Updated 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184;

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

WHEREAS, a Pre-Procurement Conference was held on 14 November 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 approved the technical specifications, other requirements/terms and conditions, and the ABC in the amount of **Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP3,200,000.00)**;

WHEREAS, the Invitation to Bid for the Public Bidding for the Dedicated/Leased Line Internet Connection for the Office of the Ombudsman under the Project Identification Number: PB2024-01 (EPA) was posted on the PhilGEPS and Office of the Ombudsman (OMB) websites, and BAC Bulletin Board on 01 December 2023;

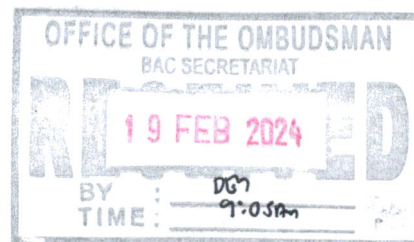
WHEREAS, Letters of Invitation for the Pre-Bid Conference, Opening of Bids, Bid Evaluation and Post-Qualification were sent to and received by:

- 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. Ruben J. Pascual (Secretary General, Philippine 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 (Supervising Auditor, COA); and
- f. Ms. Joanna Mae E. Alberto (President, OMBEA);

¹ Purchase Request No. PU-23-10-156.

² MISS Memorandum dated 02 October 2023.

³ Memorandum dated 31 October 2023.



WHEREAS, a Pre-Bid Conference⁴ was held online via Google Meet⁵ on 11 December 2023 with the BAC-Main, TWG, BAC Secretariat, witnesses/observers, and three (3) prospective bidders in attendance;

WHEREAS, on 11 December 2023, Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1 scheduling a one-time ocular inspection was posted on the PhilGEPS and Ombudsman websites, and BAC Bulletin Board;⁶

WHEREAS, three (3) bidders purchased and submitted their bidding documents before the 2:00 p.m. deadline on 27 December 2023;

WHEREAS, the Opening of Bids⁷ was conducted⁸ on 28 December 2023 at 9:30 a.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,⁹ the BAC-Main, upon the recommendation of the TWG, rated PHILIPPINE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (PGCI) and CONVERGE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC (CONVERGE) as “PASSED” in all their eligibility requirements and declared them “ELIGIBLE” to participate further in the opening of bids;

WHEREAS, INFIVAN, INC. (INFIVAN) was rated as “INELIGIBLE” because its Committed Line of Credit was not effective or available on the date of the bid submission;

WHEREAS, immediately after the Opening of Bids, a detailed Bid Evaluation¹⁰ was conducted to further assess the completeness of the bids and arithmetical calculations of the submitted Financial Component documents of the eligible bidders, the results of which are as follows:

SEQ.	NAME OF THE BIDDER	FINANCIAL BID (Bid as Calculated in Php)	RANKING	REMARKS
1	PHILIPPINE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Php706,656.00	1	Lowest Calculated Bid
2	CONVERGE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC.	Php1,177,548.00	2	2 nd Lowest Calculated Bid

WHEREAS, on 29 December 2023, a Notice of Post Qualification was issued directing PHILIPPINE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. to submit/present the original copies and certified true copies of the required documents to the TWG/BAC during the post-qualification proceedings held on 05 January 2024. Witnesses and observers were likewise invited to attend the said activity;

⁴ Annex “A” - Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference.
⁵ Meeting is in the Hybrid format, Members of the BAC, BAC Sec and TWG are physically present at the Office of the Ombudsman while the other attendees joined the meeting thru Video Conferencing, Google Meet application.
⁶ Posted/published on 11 December 2023.
⁷ Annex “B” - Minutes of the Opening of Bids.
⁸ via Google Meet for BAC-Main, bidders, witnesses and observers while TWG and BAC Secretariat in physical attendance.
⁹ Annex “C”- Abstract of Bids.
¹⁰ Annex “D” – Summary of Bid Evaluation

WHEREAS, after validation, verification and determination during the post-qualification proceeding, the TWG found PHILIPPINE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.¹¹ to have satisfactorily presented the documents required, complied with this Office's technical specifications and responsive to all the legal requirements and conditions for eligibility, hence, the TWG recommended the award of contract to the said bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the BAC - Main hereby **RESOLVE** and **RECOMMEND** to award the contract to **PHILIPPINE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.** for tendering the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid for the **Public Bidding for Dedicated/Leased Line Internet Connection for the Office of the Ombudsman** in the amount of **Seven Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (Php 706,656.00)**, subject to the posting of a bond to guarantee performance.

SO RESOLVED.

22 January 2024, Quezon City, Philippines.

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE – MAIN


MARIA CRISTINA T. CAUSAPIN
Member


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Member


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Member


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NELLIE P. BORDEN-GOLEZ
Vice-Chairperson

¹¹ TWG Post-Qualification Report on PB 2024-01 dated 10 January 2024, received on 10 January 2024.

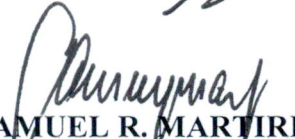
The dispositive portion reads thus:

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SO RESOLVED.”


ADORACION A. AGBADA
Chairperson

APPROVED / ~~DISAPPROVED~~:


SAMUEL R. MARTIRES
Ombudsman 