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**CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES OPEN UNIVERSITY LEARNING
COMMONS AT THE UP OPEN UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS**

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Section I. Invitation to Bid



INVITATION TO BID

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- The **Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC)** and the **University of the Philippines** intend to apply the sum of **PESOS: Twenty One Million Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One and 56/100 (₱ 21,056,661.56)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to Payment under the contract for the **Construction of the University of the Philippines Open University Learning Commons at the UP Open University Campus.**

Description	Qty	Total ABC ₱ (Inclusive of VAT)	Funding Source	Forms of Bid Security:	Cost/Price of Bid Documents (cash payment only) (₱)
Construction of the University of the Philippines Open University Learning Commons at the UP Open University Campus	1 lot	21,056,661.56	University of the Philippines per PITC AR Reference No. TL-2018-135 Dated 25 July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Securing Declaration • Cash or Cashier's/ Manager's Check* (at least 2% of the ABC) • Bank Guarantee/Bank draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit* (at least 2% of the ABC) • Surety bond callable upon demand (at least 5% of the ABC) 	21,000.00

***The Cashier's/Manager's Check must be issued by a Local Universal or Local Commercial Bank**

- Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
- The University of the Philippines** through the **Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC)** now invite interested Contractors with valid and current Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License with Classification/Category in General Building/General Engineering with Minimum License Category of C or D and Minimum Size Range "Small B", to bid for the Construction of the University of the Philippines Open University Learning Commons at the UP Open University Campus (hereinafter referred to as the "WORKS"). The PCAB license must indicate "PCAB registered contractor for Government Projects."
- Prospective Bidders should have completed a single contract similar to the project, equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC of the lot being bid for adjusted to current prices using the National Statistics Office consumer price index.
For purposes of this project, similar contracts shall refer to contracts involving construction of offices/buildings or vertical structures.
- Completion of the works is within **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** from receipt of the Notice of Site Possession.
Project Site: **UPOU Headquarters, Maahas, Open University, Laguna**
- Open competitive bidding will be conducted using non-discretionary pass/fail criterion as specified in the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (2016 Revised IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act." All particulars relative to this bidding including Eligibility Checking, Bid Security, Evaluation and Post Qualification procedures and Award of Contract shall be governed by R.A. 9184 and its 2016 Revised IRR.
- Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.



8. The Invitation to Bid and Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website of the **Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS)** and **PITC Website at www.pitc.gov.ph**. Interested bidders may inspect the Bidding Documents upon presentation of proper identification during office hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays only.

9. The complete set of bidding documents maybe acquired by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee as indicated above. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective bidder or his duly authorized representative upon presentation of proper identification document.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of PhilGEPS and PITC, provided that bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

For the Pre-bid Conference, bidders are encouraged to send their authorized technical representatives or personnel who are familiar with the bid requirements and will prepare the bid documents.

10. The Schedule of Bidding Activities shall be as follows:

ACTIVITIES	TIME	VENUE
1. Sale and Issuance of Bidding Documents	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Mondays to Fridays Starting <u>03 December 2018</u>	5 th floor Conference Room NDC Bldg. 116 Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City
2. Pre-bid Conference	<u>10 December 2018 (Monday)</u> <u>10:00 AM</u>	5 th floor Conference Room NDC Bldg. 116 Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City
3. Submission and Opening of Bidding Documents	<u>17 January 2018 (Thursday)</u> <u>2:00 PM</u> *Late Bids shall not be accepted.	5 th floor Conference Room NDC Bldg. 116 Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City

11. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC II Secretariat c/o Ms. Irene G. Alayon at the 3/F, NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, 1227 Makati City, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM only, Mondays to Fridays **starting 03 December 2018** at telephone no. 818-98-01 loc. 310.

However, any queries relative to the contents of the bid documents and the project requirements can only be made by contractors not later than ten (10) days prior to the Submission and Opening of Bids.

12. PITC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid proposals, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd)PITC – Bids and Awards Committee II

Posting on **03 December 2018** @ PhilGEPS, PITC website (www.pitc.gov.ph). PITC Bulletin Board.



Section II. Instructions to Bidders



INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (ITB)

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A. General

1. Scope of Bid

- 1.1. The Procuring Entity as defined in the **BDS**, invites bids for the construction of Works, as described in Section VI. Specifications.
- 1.2. The name, identification, and number of lots specific to this bidding are provided in the **BDS**. The contracting strategy and basis of evaluation of lots is described in ITB Clause 27.
- 1.3. The successful bidder will be expected to complete the Works by the intended completion date specified in **SCC Clause 1.17**.

2. Source of Funds

The Procuring Entity has a budget or received funds from the Funding Source named in the **BDS**, and in the amount indicated in the **BDS**. It intends to apply part of the funds received for the Project, as defined in the **BDS**, to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Works.

3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices

- 3.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Procuring Entity, as well as the bidders and contractors, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of the contract. In pursuance of this policy, the Procuring Entity:

(a) defines, for purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

- (i) "corrupt practice" means behavior on the part of officials in the public or private sectors by which they improperly and unlawfully enrich themselves, others, or induce others to do so, by misusing the position in which they are placed, and includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of any such official in the procurement process or in contract execution; entering, on behalf of the Procuring Entity, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby, and similar acts as provided in Republic Act 3019;
- (ii) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, and includes collusive practices among Bidders (prior to or after Bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Procuring Entity of the benefits of free and open competition;
- (iii) "collusive practices" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Procuring Entity, designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
- (iv) "coercive practices" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons, or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract;
- (v) "obstructive practice" is



- (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection and audit rights of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution herein.
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the Contract; and
- (c) will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded Contract funded by the Funding Source if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing or, or in executing, a Contract funded by the Funding Source.
- 3.2 Further, the Procuring Entity will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties available under the applicable laws on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved in any of the practices mentioned in **ITB** Clause 3.1 (a).
- 3.3 Furthermore, the Funding Source and the Procuring Entity reserve the right to inspect and audit records and accounts of a contractor in the bidding for and performance of a contract themselves or through independent auditors as reflected in the **GCC** Clause 34.

4. Conflict of Interest

- 4.1 All bidders found to have conflicting interests with each other shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand, without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions. A Bidder may be considered to have conflicting interests with another Bidder in any of the events described in paragraphs (a) through (c) and a general conflict of interest in any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (d) through (g) below:
- a) A Bidder has controlling shareholders in common with another Bidder;
 - b) A Bidder receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from any other Bidder;
 - c) A Bidder has the same legal representative as that of another Bidder for purposes of this Bid;
 - d) A Bidder has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder or influence the decisions of the Procuring Entity regarding this bidding process.



- e) A Bidder submits more than one bid in this bidding process. However, this does not limit the participation of subcontractors in more than one bid;
 - f) A Bidder who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the goods and related services that are the subject of the bid; or
 - g) A Bidder who lends, or temporary seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations which are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project.
- 4.2 In accordance with Section 47 of the Revised IRR of RA 9184, all Bid Documents shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of the Bidder that it is not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), members of the Technical Working Group (TWG), members of the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office (PMO) or the end-user unit or implementing unit, and the project consultants, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree. On the part of the bidder, this Clause shall apply to the following persons:
- (a) If the Bidder is an individual or a sole proprietorship, to the Bidder himself;
 - (b) If the Bidder is a partnership, to all its officers and members;
 - (c) If the Bidder is a corporation, to all its officers, directors, and controlling stockholders; and
 - (d) If the Bidder is a cooperative, to all its officers, directors, and controlling shareholders or members; and
 - (e) If the Bidder is a joint venture (JV), the provisions of items (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Clause shall correspondingly apply to each of the members of the said JV, as may be appropriate.

Relationship of the nature described above or failure to comply with this Clause will result in the automatic disqualification of a Bidder.

5. Eligible Bidders

- 5.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the BDS, the following persons shall be eligible to participate in this Bidding:
- (a) Duly licensed Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships;
 - (b) Partnerships duly organized under the laws of the Philippines and of which at least seventy five percent (75%) of the interest belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
 - (c) Corporations duly organized under the laws of the Philippines, and of which at least seventy five percent (75%) of the outstanding capital stock belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
 - (d) Cooperatives duly organized under the laws of the Philippines;



- (e) Persons/entities forming themselves into a JV, i.e., a group of two (2) or more persons/entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract: Provided, however, that, in accordance with Letter of Instructions No. 630, Filipino ownership or interest of the joint venture concerned shall be at least seventy five percent (75%): Provided, further, that joint ventures in which Filipino ownership or interest is less than seventy five percent (75%) may be eligible where the structures to be built require the application of techniques and/or technologies which are not adequately possessed by a person/entity meeting the seventy five percent (75%) Filipino ownership requirement: Provided, finally, that in the latter case, Filipino ownership or interest shall not be less than twenty five percent (25%). For this purpose, Filipino ownership or interest shall be based on the contributions of each of the members of the joint venture as specified in their JVA.

5.2 The Procuring Entity may also invite foreign bidders when provided for under any Treaty or International or Executive Agreement as specified in the **BDS**.

5.3 Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations may be eligible to participate only if they can establish that they (a) are legally and financially autonomous, (b) operate under commercial law, and (c) are not dependent agencies of the GOP or the Procuring Entity.

5.4 Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**,

- (a) Bidder must have an experience of having completed a Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) that is similar to this Project, equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC adjusted, if necessary by the Bidder to current prices using the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) consumer price index. However, contractors under Small A and Small B categories without similar experience on the contract to be bid may be allowed to bid if the cost of such contract is not more than the Allowable Range of Contract Cost (ARCC) of their registration based on the guidelines as prescribed by the PCAB.
- (b) For Foreign-funded Procurement, the Procuring Entity and the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution may agree on another track record requirement, as specified in the **BDS**.

For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be those described in the **BDS**.

5.5 The Bidder must submit a computation of its Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC), which must be at least equal to the ABC to be bid, calculated as follows:

NFCC = [(Current assets minus current liabilities) (15)] minus the value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started coinciding with the contract for this project.

The values of the domestic bidder's current assets and current liabilities shall be based on the latest Audited Financial Statements submitted to the BIR.

For purposes of computing the foreign bidder's NFCC, the value of the current assets and liabilities shall be based on their audited financial statements prepared in accordance with international financial reporting standards.



6. Bidder's Responsibilities

6.1 The Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall submit a sworn statement in the form prescribed in Section IX. Bidding Forms as required in **ITB** Clause 12.1.

6.2 The Bidder is responsible for the following:

- (a) Having taken steps to carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
- (b) Having acknowledged all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the contract;
- (c) Having made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any;
- (d) Having complied with its responsibility to inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin/s as provided under **ITB** Clause 10.4.
- (e) Ensuring that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the GOP or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the GPPB;
- (f) Ensuring that each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
- (g) Authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative/s to verify all the documents submitted;
- (h) Ensuring that the signatory is the duly authorized representative of the Bidder, and granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract accompanied by duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- (i) Complying with the disclosure provision under Section 47 of RA 9184 and its IRR in relation to other provisions of Republic Act 3019;
- (j) Complying with existing labor laws and standards, in the case of procurement of services. Moreover, bidder undertakes to:
 - (i) Ensure entitlement of workers to wages, hours of work, safety and health and other prevailing conditions of work as established by national laws, rules and regulations; or collective bargaining agreement; or arbitration award, if and when applicable.

In case there is a finding by the Procuring Entity or the DOLE of underpayment or non-payment of workers' wage and wage-related benefits, bidder agrees that the performance security or portion of the contract amount shall be withheld in favor of the complaining workers pursuant to appropriate provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 without prejudice to the institution of appropriate actions under the Labor Code, as amended, and other social legislations.

- (ii) Comply with occupational safety and health standards and to correct deficiencies, if any.

In case of imminent danger, injury or death of the worker, bidder undertakes to suspend contract implementation pending clearance to proceed from the DOLE Regional Office and to comply with Work Stoppage Order; and

- (iii) Inform the workers of their conditions of work, labor clauses under the contract specifying wages, hours of work and other benefits under prevailing national laws, rules and regulations; or collective bargaining agreement; or arbitration award, if and when applicable, through posting in two (2) conspicuous places in the establishment's premises; and
- (k) Ensuring that it did not give or pay, directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee or any form of consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity.

Failure to observe any of the above responsibilities shall be at the risk of the Bidder concerned.

6.3 The Bidder, by the act of submitting its bid, shall be deemed to have inspected the site, determined the general characteristics of the contract works and the conditions for this Project and examine all instructions, forms, terms, and project requirements in the Bidding Documents.

6.4 It shall be the sole responsibility of the prospective bidder to determine and to satisfy itself by such means as it considers necessary or desirable as to all matters pertaining to this Project, including: (a) the location and the nature of the contract, project, or work; (b) climatic conditions; (c) transportation facilities; (c) nature and condition of the terrain, geological conditions at the site communication facilities, requirements, location and availability of construction aggregates and other materials, labor, water, electric power and access roads; and (d) other factors that may affect the cost, duration and execution or implementation of the contract, project, or work.

6.5 The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the prospective or eligible bidder out of the data furnished by the procuring entity. However, the Procuring Entity shall ensure that all information in the Bidding Documents, including supplemental/bid bulletins issued are correct and consistent.

6.6 Before submitting their bids, the Bidders are deemed to have become familiar with all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the Philippines which may affect the contract in any way.

6.7 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid, and the Procuring Entity will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

6.8 Bidders should note that the Procuring Entity will only accept bids only from those that have paid the nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Invitation to Bid.

7. Origin of Goods and Services

There is no restriction on the origin of Goods, or Contracting of Works or Services other than those prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.



8. Subcontracts

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Bidder may subcontract portions of the Works to an extent as may be approved by the Procuring Entity and stated in the **BDS**. However, subcontracting of any portion shall not relieve the Bidder from any liability or obligation that may arise from the contract for this Project.
- 8.2 Subcontractors must submit the documentary requirements under **ITB** Clause 12 and comply with the eligibility criteria specified in the **BDS**. In the event that any subcontractor is found by the Procuring Entity to be ineligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Works shall be disallowed.
- 8.3 The Bidder may identify the subcontractor to whom a portion of the Works will be subcontracted at any stage of the bidding process or during contract implementation. If the Bidder opts to disclose the name of the subcontractor during bid submission, the Bidder shall include the required documents as part of the technical component of its bid.

B. Contents of Bidding Documents

9. Pre-bid Conference

- 9.1 If so specified in the **BDS**,
- (a) a pre-bid conference shall be held at the venue and on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Bidders' questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.
 - (b) The pre-bid conference shall be held at least twelve (12) calendar days before the deadline for the submission of and receipt of bids, but not earlier than seven (7) calendar days from the posting of the Invitation to Bid/Bidding Documents in the PhilGEPS website. If the Procuring Entity determines that, by reason of the method, nature, or complexity of the contract to be bid, or when international participation will be more advantageous to the GOP, a longer period for the preparation of bids is necessary, the pre-bid conference shall be held at least thirty (30) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, as specified in the **BDS**.
- 9.2 Bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to ensure that they fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. Non-attendance of the Bidder will in no way prejudice its bid; however, the Bidder is expected to know the changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents. The minutes of the pre-bid conference shall be recorded and prepared not later than five (5) calendar days after the pre-bid conference. The minutes shall be made available to prospective bidders not later than five (5) days upon written request.
- 9.3 Decisions of the BAC amending any provision of the bidding documents shall be issued in writing through a Supplemental/Bid Bulletin at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

10. Clarification and Amendment of Bidding Documents

- 10.1. Prospective bidders may request for clarification(s) or interpretation of any part of the Bidding Documents. Such a request must be in writing and submitted to the Procuring Entity at the address indicated in the **BDS** at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of Bids.



- 10.2 The BAC shall respond to the said request by issuing a Supplemental/Bid Bulletin, to be made available to all those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of Bids.
- 10.3 Supplemental/Bid Bulletins may also be issued upon the Procuring Entity's initiative for purposes of clarifying or modifying any provision of the Bidding Documents not later than seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of Bids. Any modification to the Bidding Documents shall be identified as an amendment.
- 10.4 Any Supplemental/Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned, if available, and at any conspicuous place in the premises of the Procuring Entity concerned. It shall be the responsibility of all Bidders who have properly secured the Bidding Documents to inquire and secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, bidders who have submitted bids before the issuance of the Supplemental/Bid Bulletin must be informed and allowed to modify or withdraw their bids in accordance with **ITB** Clause 23.

C. Preparation of Bids

11. Language of Bids

The eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents to be submitted to the BAC must be in English. If the eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents submitted to the BAC are in foreign language other than English, it must be accompanied by a translation of the documents in English. The documents shall be translated by the relevant foreign government agency, the foreign government agency authorized to translate documents, or a registered translator in the foreign bidder's country; and shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment/post or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign bidder's affairs in the Philippines. The English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

12. Documents Comprising the Bid: Eligibility and Technical Components

12.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, the first envelope shall contain the following eligibility and technical documents:

(a) Eligibility Documents –

Class "A" Documents:

- (i) PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of the IRR, except for foreign bidders participating in the procurement by a Philippine Foreign Service or Post, which shall submit their eligibility documents under Section 23.1 of the IRR, provided, that the winning bidder shall register with the PhilGEPS in accordance with Section 37.1.4 of the IRR;
- (ii) Statement of all its ongoing government and private contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid; and



Statement of the Bidder's SLCC similar to the contract to be bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 5.4.

The two statements required shall indicate for each contract the following:

- (ii.1) name of the contract;
- (ii.2) date of the contract;
- (ii.3) contract duration;
- (ii.4) owner's name and address;
- (ii.5) nature of work;
- (ii.6) contractor's role (whether sole contractor, subcontractor, or partner in a JV) and percentage of participation;
- (ii.7) total contract value at award;
- (ii.8) date of completion or estimated completion time;
- (ii.9) total contract value at completion, if applicable;
- (ii.10) percentages of planned and actual accomplishments, if applicable;
- (ii.11) value of outstanding works, if applicable;

The statement of the Bidder's SLCC shall be supported by the Notice of Award and/or Notices to Proceed, Project Owner's Certificate of Final Acceptance issued by the Owner other than the Contractor or the Constructors Performance Evaluation System (CPES) Final Rating, which must be at least satisfactory. In case of contracts with the private sector, an equivalent document shall be submitted;

- (iii) Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**, a valid special PCAB License in case of Joint Ventures, and registration for the type and cost of the contract for this Project; and
- (iv) NFCC computation in accordance with ITB Clause 5.5;

Class "B" Document:

- (v) If applicable, valid Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) in accordance with RA 4566.

(b) Technical Documents –

- (i) Bid security in accordance with ITB Clause 18. If the Bidder opts to submit the bid security in the form of:
 - (i.1) a bank draft/guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a foreign bank, it shall be accompanied by a confirmation from a Universal or Commercial Bank; or
 - (i.2) a surety bond accompanied by a certification coming from an authorized Insurance Commission that a surety or insurance company is authorized to issue such instrument;
- (ii) Project Requirements, which shall include the following:



- (ii.1) Organizational chart for the contract to be bid;
- (ii.2) List of contractor's personnel (e.g., Project Manager, Project Engineers, Materials Engineers, and Foremen), to be assigned to the contract to be bid, with their complete qualification and experience data. These personnel must meet the required minimum years of experience set in the **BDS**; and
- (ii.3) List of contractor's major equipment units, which are owned, leased, and/or under purchase agreements, supported by proof of ownership or certification of availability of equipment from the equipment lessor/vendor for the duration of the project, as the case maybe which must meet the minimum requirements for the contract set in the **BDS**; and
- (iii) Sworn statement in accordance with Section 25.3 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 and using the form prescribed in Section IX. Bidding Forms.

13. Documents Comprising the Bid: Financial Component

- 13.1 Unless otherwise stated in the **BDS**, the financial component of the bid shall contain the following:
- a) Financial Bid Form, which includes bid prices and the bill of quantities, in accordance with ITB Clauses 15.1 and 15.3; and
 - b) Any other document related to the financial component of the bid as stated in the **BDS**.
- 13.2
- (a) Unless indicated in the **BDS**, all Bids that exceed the ABC shall not be accepted.
 - (b) Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, for foreign-funded procurement, a ceiling may be applied to bid prices provided the following conditions are met:
 - (i) Bidding Documents are obtainable free of charge on a freely accessible website. If payment of Bidding Documents is required by the procuring entity, payment could be made upon the submission of bids.
 - (ii) The procuring entity has procedures in place to ensure that the ABC is based on recent estimates made by the engineer or the responsible unit of the procuring entity and that the estimates are based on adequate detailed engineering (in the case of infrastructure projects) and reflect the quality, supervision and risk and inflationary factors, as well as prevailing market prices, associated with the types of works or goods to be procured.
 - (iii) The procuring entity has trained cost estimators on estimating prices and analyzing bid variances. In the case of infrastructure projects, the procuring entity must also have trained quantity surveyors.
 - (iv) The procuring entity has established a system to monitor and report bid prices relative to ABC and engineer's/procuring entity's estimate.



- (v) The procuring entity has established a monitoring and evaluation system for contract implementation to provide a feedback on actual total costs of goods and works.

14. Alternative Bids

- 14.1 Alternative Bids shall be rejected. For this purpose, alternative bid is an offer made by a Bidder in addition or as a substitute to its original bid which may be included as part of its original bid or submitted separately therewith for purposes of bidding. A bid with options is considered an alternative bid regardless of whether said bid proposal is contained in a single envelope or submitted in two (2) or more separate bid envelopes.
- 14.2 Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the Bidding Documents, including the basic technical design as indicated in the drawings and specifications. Unless there is a value engineering clause in the **BDS**, alternative bids shall not be accepted.
- 14.3 Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid, either individually or as a partner in a JV. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid (other than as a subcontractor if a subcontractor is permitted to participate in more than one bid) will cause all the proposals with the Bidder's participation to be disqualified. This shall be without prejudice to any applicable criminal, civil and administrative penalties that may be imposed upon the persons and entities concerned.

15. Bid Prices

- 15.1 The contract shall be for the whole Works, as described in **ITB** Clause 1.1, based on the priced Bill of Quantities submitted by the Bidder.
- 15.2 The Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Works described in the Bill of Quantities. Bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the Bidding Documents including, where applicable, Bill of Quantities, shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified. In this regard, where a required item is provided, but no price is indicated, the same shall be considered as non-responsive, but specifying a "0" (zero) or a dash (-) for the said item would mean that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for.
- 15.3 All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the rates, prices, and total bid price submitted by the Bidder.
- 15.4 All bid prices for the given scope of work in the contract as awarded shall be considered as fixed prices, and therefore not subject to price escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances as specified in GCC Clause 48. Upon the recommendation of the Procuring Entity, price escalation may be allowed in extraordinary circumstances as may be determined by the National Economic and Development Authority in accordance with the Civil Code of the Philippines, and upon approval by the GPPB. Furthermore, in cases where the cost of the awarded contract is affected by any applicable new laws, ordinances, regulations, or other acts of the GOP, promulgated after the date of bid opening, a contract price adjustment shall be made or appropriate relief shall be applied on a no loss-no gain basis.



16. Bid Currencies

- 16.1 All bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**. However, for purposes of bid evaluation, bids denominated in foreign currencies shall be converted to Philippine currency based on the exchange rate prevailing on the day of the Bid opening.
- 16.2 If so allowed in accordance with **ITB** Clause 16.1, the Procuring Entity for purposes of bid evaluation and comparing the bid prices will convert the amounts in various currencies in which the bid price is expressed to Philippine Pesos at the exchange rate as published in the BSP reference rate bulletin on the day of the bid opening.
- 16.3 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

17. Bid Validity

- 17.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the **BDS** which shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the opening of bids.
- 17.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. The bid security described in **ITB** Clause 18. should also be extended corresponding to the extension of the bid validity period at the least. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security, but his bid shall no longer be considered for further evaluation and award. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

18. Bid Security

- 18.1 The Bidder shall submit a Bid Securing Declaration, or any form of Bid Security the amount of which shall not be less than the percentage of the ABC in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Not less than the Percentage of the ABC)
(a) Cashier’s/manager’s check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.	Two percent (2%)
(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Local Universal or Local Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	Five percent (5%)

The Bid Securing Declaration mentioned above is an undertaking which states among others, that the bidder shall enter into contract with the procuring entity and furnish the performance security required under ITB Clause 33.2, within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award and commits to pay the corresponding amount as fine, and be suspended for a period of time from being



qualified to participate in any government procurement activity in the event it violates any of the conditions stated therein as provided in the guidelines issued by the GPPB.

- 18.2 The bid security should be valid for the period specified in the **BDS**. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable bid security shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.
- 18.3 No bid securities shall be returned to bidders after the opening of bids and before contract signing, except to those that failed or declared as post-disqualified, upon submission of a written waiver of their right to file a motion for reconsideration and/or protest, or lapse of the reglementary period without having filed a request for reconsideration or protest. Without prejudice on its forfeiture, Bid Securities shall be returned only after the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid has signed the contract and furnished the Performance Security, but in no case later than the expiration of the Bid Security validity period indicated in **ITB Clause 18.2**.
- 18.4 Upon signing and execution of the contract, pursuant to **ITB Clause 31**, and the posting of the performance security, pursuant to **ITB Clause 32**, the successful Bidder's Bid security will be discharged, but in no case later than the Bid security validity period as indicated in **ITB Clause 18.2**.
- 18.5 The bid security may be forfeited:
- (a) if a Bidder:
- (i) withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified in **ITB Clause 17**;
 - (ii) does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to **ITB Clause 27.3 (b)**;
 - (iii) has a finding against the veracity of the required documents submitted in accordance with, **ITB Clause 28.2**;
 - (iv) submission of eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents;
 - (v) submission of bids that contain false information or falsified documents, or the concealment of such information in the bids in order to influence the outcome of eligibility screening or any other stage of the public bidding;
 - (vi) allowing the use of one's name, or using the name of another for purposes of public bidding;
 - (vii) withdrawal of a bid, or refusal to accept an award, or enter into contract with the Government without justifiable cause, after the Bidder had been adjudged as having submitted the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid;
 - (viii) refusal or failure to post the required performance security within the prescribed time;
 - (ix) refusal to clarify or validate in writing its bid during post-qualification within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the request for clarification;



- (x) any documented attempt by a bidder to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding in his favor;
 - (xi) failure of the potential joint venture partners to enter into the joint venture after the bid is declared successful; or
 - (xii) all other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the competitive bidding, such as habitually withdrawing from bidding, submitting late Bids or patently insufficient bid, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reasons.
- (b) If the successful Bidder:
- (i) fails to sign the contract in accordance with **ITB** Clause 31;
 - (ii) fails to furnish performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 32.

19. Format and Signing of Bids

- 19.1 Bidders shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section IX. Bidding Forms on or before the deadline specified in the **ITB** Clause 21 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes, and which shall be submitted simultaneously. The first shall contain the technical component of the bid, including the eligibility requirements under **ITB** Clause 12.1, and the second shall contain the financial component of the bid. This shall also be observed for each lot in the case of lot procurement.
- 19.2 Forms as mentioned in **ITB** Clause 19.1, must be completed without any alterations to their format, and no substitute form shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
- 19.3 The Bidder shall prepare an original of the first and second envelopes as described in **ITB** Clauses 12 and 12 and 13. In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the first and second envelopes. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 19.4 Each and every page of the Bid Form, including the Bill of Quantities, shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the bid.
- 19.5 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder.

20. Sealing and Marking of Bids

- 20.1 Bidders shall enclose their original eligibility and technical documents described in **ITB** Clause 12, in one sealed envelope marked "ORIGINAL - TECHNICAL COMPONENT", and the original of their financial component in another sealed envelope marked "ORIGINAL - FINANCIAL COMPONENT", sealing them all in an outer envelope marked "ORIGINAL BID".
- 20.2 Each copy of the first and second envelopes shall be similarly sealed duly marking the inner envelopes as "COPY NO. ____ - TECHNICAL COMPONENT" and "COPY NO. ____ - FINANCIAL COMPONENT" and the outer envelope as "COPY NO. ____", respectively. These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.



- 20.3 The original and the number of copies of the Bid as indicated in the **BDS** shall be typed or written in ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 20.4 All envelopes shall:
- (a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
 - (b) bear the name and address of the Bidder in capital letters;
 - (c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC in accordance with **ITB** Clause 20.1;
 - (d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the **ITB** Clause 1.2; and
 - (e) bear a warning "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE..." the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 21.
- 20.5 Bid envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked, as required in the bidding documents, shall not be rejected, but the Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the bid as submitted. The BAC or the Procuring Entity shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement of the contents of the improperly sealed or marked bid, or for its premature opening.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

21. Deadline for Submission of Bids

Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address and on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.

22. Late Bids

Any bid submitted after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids prescribed by the Procuring Entity, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 21 shall be declared "Late" and shall not be accepted by the Procuring Entity. The BAC shall record in the minutes of Bid Submission and Opening, the Bidder's name, its representative and the time the late bid was submitted.

23. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

23.1 The Bidder may modify its bid after it has been submitted; provided that the modification is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission and receipt of bids. The Bidder shall not be allowed to retrieve its original bid, but shall be allowed to submit another bid equally sealed, properly identified in accordance with Clause 20, linked to its original bid marked as "TECHNICAL MODIFICATION" or "FINANCIAL MODIFICATION" and stamped "received" by the BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the Bidder unopened.

23.2 A Bidder may, through a letter of withdrawal, withdraw its bid after it has been submitted, for valid and justifiable reason; provided that the Letter of Withdrawal is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission and receipt of bids. The Letter of Withdrawal must be executed by the authorized representative of the Bidder identified in the Omnibus Sworn Statement, a copy of which should be attached to the letter.



- 23.3 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with **ITB** Clause 23.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders. A Bidder may also express its intention not to participate in the bidding through a letter which should reach and be stamped by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. A Bidder that withdraws its bid shall not be permitted to submit another bid, directly or indirectly, for the same contract.
- 23.4 No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval shall result in the forfeiture of the Bidder's bid security, pursuant to **ITB Clause 18.5**, and the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions as prescribed by RA 9184 and its IRR.

24. Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids

- 24.1 The BAC shall open the Bids in public, immediately after the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, as specified in the **BDS**. In case the Bids cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the BAC shall take custody of the Bids submitted and reschedule the opening of Bids on the next working day or at the soonest possible time through the issuance of a Notice of Postponement to be posted in the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.
- 24.2 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the BAC shall open the first bid envelopes and determine each Bidder's compliance with the documents prescribed in **ITB** Clause 12 using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion. If a bidder submits the required document, it shall be rated "passed" for that particular requirement. In this regard, bids that fail to include any requirement or are incomplete or patently insufficient shall be considered as "failed". Otherwise, the BAC shall rate the said first bid envelope as "passed".
- 24.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, immediately after determining compliance with the requirements in the first envelope, the BAC shall forthwith open the second bid envelope of each remaining eligible Bidder whose first bid envelope was rated "passed". The second envelope of each complying bidder shall be opened within the same day. In case one or more of the requirements in the second envelope of a particular bid is missing, incomplete or patently insufficient, and/or if the submitted total bid price exceeds the ABC unless otherwise provided in **ITB** Clause 13.2, the BAC shall rate the bid concerned as "failed". Only bids that are determined to contain all the bid requirements for both components shall be rated "passed" and shall immediately be considered for evaluation and comparison.
- 24.4 Letters of Withdrawal shall be read out and recorded during bid opening, and the envelope containing the corresponding withdrawn bid shall be returned to the Bidder unopened.
- 24.5 All members of the BAC who are present during bid opening shall initial every page of the original copies of all bids received and opened.
- 24.6 In the case of an eligible foreign Bidder as described in **ITB** Clause 5, the Class "A" Documents may be substituted with the appropriate equivalent documents, if any, issued by the country of the foreign Bidder concerned, which shall likewise be uploaded and maintained in the PhilGEPS in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of the IRR:



- a) Registration Certificate from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or CDA for cooperatives.
 - b) Mayor's/Business permit issued by the local government where the principal place of business of the Bidder is located; and
 - c) Audited Financial Statements showing, among others, the prospective Bidder's total and current assets and liabilities stamped "received" by the Bureau of Internal Revenue or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the preceding calendar year which should not be earlier than two years from date of submission.
- 24.7 Each partner of a joint venture agreement shall likewise submit the documents required in **ITB** Clauses 12.1 (a) (i) and 12.1 (a) (ii). Submission of documents required under **ITB** Clauses 12.1 (a) (iii) to 12.1 (a) (vii), by any of the joint venture partners constitutes compliance.
- 24.8 The Procuring Entity shall prepare the minutes of the proceedings of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum (a) names of Bidders, their price (per lot, if applicable, and/or including discount, if any), bid security, findings of preliminary examination, and whether there is a withdrawal or modification; and (b) attendance sheet. The BAC members shall sign the abstract of bids as read.
- 24.9 The Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may attend the opening of bids. The BAC shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of all submitted bids. The Abstract of Bids as read and the minutes of the Bid Opening shall be made available to the public upon written request and payment of a specified fee to recover cost of materials.
- 24.10 To ensure transparency and accurate representation of the bid submission, the BAC Secretariat shall notify in writing all Bidders whose bids it has received through its PhilGEPS-registered physical address or official e-mail address. The notice shall be issued within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

25. Process to be Confidential

- 25.1 Members of the BAC, including its staff and personnel, as well as its Secretariat and TWG, are prohibited from making or accepting any kind of communication with any bidder regarding the evaluation of their bids until the issuance of the Notice of Award, unless otherwise allowed in the case of **ITB** Clause 26.
- 25.2 Any effort by a bidder to influence the Procuring Entity in the Procuring Entity's decision in respect of Bid evaluation, Bid comparison or contract award will result in the rejection of the Bidder's Bid.

26. Clarification of Bids

To assist in the evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the bids, the Procuring Entity may ask in writing any Bidder for a clarification of its bid. All responses to requests for clarification shall be in writing. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its bid and that is not in response to a request by the Procuring Entity shall not be considered



27. Detailed Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 27.1 The Procuring Entity will undertake the detailed evaluation and comparison of Bids which have passed the opening and preliminary examination of Bids, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 24, in order to determine the Lowest Calculated Bid.
- 27.2 The Lowest Calculated Bid shall be determined in two steps:
- (a) The detailed evaluation of the financial component of the bids, to establish the correct calculated prices of the bids; and
 - (b) The ranking of the total bid prices as so calculated from the lowest to highest. The bid with the lowest price shall be identified as the Lowest Calculated Bid.
- 27.3 The Procuring Entity's BAC shall immediately conduct a detailed evaluation of all bids rated "passed," using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion. The BAC shall consider the following in the evaluation of bids:
- (a) Completeness of the bid. Unless the **BDS** specifically allows partial bids, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the Schedule of Requirements including, where applicable, bill of quantities, shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified. In this regard, where a required item is provided, but no price is indicated, the same shall be considered as non-responsive, but specifying a "0" (zero) or a dash (-) for the said item would mean that it is being offered for free to the Procuring Entity, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for; and
 - (b) Arithmetical corrections. Consider computational errors and omissions to enable proper comparison of all eligible bids. It may also consider bid modifications. Any adjustment shall be calculated in monetary terms to determine the calculated prices.
- 27.4 Based on the detailed evaluation of bids, those that comply with the above-mentioned requirements shall be ranked in the ascending order of their total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, to identify the Lowest Calculated Bid. Total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, which exceed the ABC shall not be considered, unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**.
- 27.5 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of bids shall only be based on the bid price quoted in the Financial Bid Form, which includes the Bill of Quantities.
- 27.6 Bids shall be evaluated on an equal footing to ensure fair competition.
- For this purpose, all bidders shall be required to include in their bids the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to, value added tax (VAT), income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and duties which shall be itemized in the bid form and reflected in the detailed estimates. Such bids, including said taxes, shall be the basis for bid evaluation and comparison.
- 27.7 If so indicated pursuant to **ITB** Clause 1.2, Bids are being invited for individual lots or for any combination thereof, provided that all Bids and combinations of Bids shall be received by the same deadline and opened and evaluated simultaneously so as to determine the bid or combination of bids offering the lowest calculated cost to



the Procuring Entity. Bid prices quoted shall correspond to all of the requirements specified for each lot. Bid Security as required by **ITB** Clause 18 shall be submitted for each contract (lot) separately. The basis for evaluation of lots is specified in **BDS** Clause 27.3.

28. Post Qualification

- 28.1 The BAC shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is evaluated as having submitted the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in **ITB** Clauses 5, 12, and 13.
- 28.2 Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the Bidder of the notice from the BAC that it submitted the LCB, the Bidder shall submit its latest income and business tax returns filed and paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.
- Failure to submit any of the post-qualification requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the Bidder for award. Provided in the event that a finding against the veracity of any of the documents submitted is made, it shall cause the forfeiture of the bid security in accordance with Section 69 of the IRR of RA 9184.
- 28.3 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted pursuant to **ITB** Clauses 12 and 13, as well as other information as the Procuring Entity deems necessary and appropriate, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion, which shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar days
- 28.4 If the BAC determines that the Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, and recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity the award of contract to the said Bidder at its submitted price or its calculated bid price, whichever is lower, subject to **ITB** Clause 30.3.
- 28.5 A negative determination shall result in rejection of the Bidder's Bid, in which event the Procuring Entity shall proceed to the next Lowest Calculated Bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily. If the second Bidder, however, fails the post qualification, the procedure for post qualification shall be repeated for the Bidder with the next Lowest Calculated Bid, and so on until the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid is determined for recommendation of contract award.
- 28.6 Within a period not exceeding fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt of the recommendation of the BAC, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall approve or disapprove the said recommendation.
- 28.7 In the event of disapproval, which shall be based on valid, reasonable, and justifiable grounds as provided for under Section 41 of the IRR of RA 9184, the HoPE shall notify the BAC and Bidder in writing of such decision and the grounds for it. When applicable, the BAC shall conduct a post-qualification of the Bidder with the next Lowest Calculated Bid. A request for reconsideration may be filed by the Bidder with the HoPE in accordance with Section 37.1.3 of the IRR of RA 9184.

29. Reservation Clause

- 29.1 Notwithstanding the eligibility or post-qualification of a bidder, the Procuring Entity concerned reserves the right to review its qualifications at any stage of the

procurement process if it has reasonable grounds to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the said bidder, or that there has been a change in the Bidder's capability to undertake the project from the time it submitted its eligibility requirements. Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility and bidding requirements, statements or documents, or any changes in the situation of the Bidder which will affect its capability to undertake the project so that it fails the preset eligibility or bid evaluation criteria, the Procuring Entity shall consider the said Bidder as ineligible and shall disqualify it from submitting a bid or from obtaining an award or contract.

29.2 Based on the following grounds, the Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, declare a Failure of Bidding at any time prior to the contract award, or not to award the contract, without thereby incurring any liability, and make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of the bidding:

- (a) if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the Procuring Entity, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition;
- (b) if the Procuring Entity's BAC is found to have failed in following the prescribed bidding procedures; or
- (c) for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the Government as follows:
 - (i) If the physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially or technically feasible as determined by the head of the procuring entity;
 - (ii) If the project is no longer necessary as determined by the head of the procuring entity; and
 - (iii) If the source of funds for the project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the Procuring Entity.

29.3 In addition, the Procuring Entity may likewise declare a failure of bidding when:

- (a) No bids are received;
- (b) All prospective bidders are declared ineligible;
- (c) All bids fail to comply with all the bid requirements or fail post-qualification; or
- (d) The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid refuses, without justifiable cause to accept the award of contract, and no award is made in accordance with Section 40 of the IRR of RA 9184.

F. Award of Contract

30. Contract Award

30.1 Subject to **ITB** Clause 28, the Procuring Entity shall award the contract to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB).



- 30.2 Prior to the expiration of the period of Bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the successful Bidder in writing that its Bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award duly received by the Bidder or its representative personally or by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the LCRB and submitted personally or sent by registered mail or electronically to the Procuring Entity.
- 30.3 Notwithstanding the issuance of the Notice of Award, award of contract shall be subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Submission of the following documents within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award:
 - (i) In the case of procurement by a Philippine Foreign Service Office or Post, the PhilGEPS Registration Number of the winning bidder; or
 - (ii) Valid PCAB license and registration for the type and cost of the contract to be bid for foreign bidders when the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement expressly allows submission of the PCAB license and registration for the type and cost of the contract to be bid as a pre-condition to the Award;
 - (b) Posting of the performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 32;
 - (c) Signing of the contract as provided in **ITB** Clause 31; and
 - (d) Approval by higher authority, if required, as provided in Section 37.3 of the IRR of RA 9184.

31. Signing of the Contract

- 31.1 At the same time as the Procuring Entity notifies the successful Bidder that its Bid has been accepted, the Procuring Entity shall send the Contract Form to the Bidder, which Contract has been provided in the Bidding Documents, incorporating therein all agreements between the parties.
- 31.2 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, the successful Bidder shall post the required performance security, sign and date the contract and return it to the Procuring Entity.
- 31.3 The Procuring Entity shall enter into contract with the successful Bidder within the same ten (10) calendar day period provided that all the documentary requirements are complied with.
- 31.4 The following documents shall form part of the contract:
- (a) Contract Agreement;
 - (b) Bidding Documents;
 - (c) Winning bidder's bid, including the Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents/statements submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
 - (d) Performance Security;
 - (e) Notice of Award of Contract; and



- (f) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or specified in the **BDS**.

32. Performance Security

32.1 To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning Bidder of its obligations under the contract, it shall post a performance security within a maximum period of ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity and in no case later than the signing of the contract.

32.2 The Performance Security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity in an amount not less than he percentage of the total contract price in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Not less than the Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
(a) Cashier’s/manager’s check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.	Ten percent (10%)
(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Local Universal or Local Commercial Bank, if issued by a Foreign Bank.	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	Thirty percent (30%)

32.3 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the above-mentioned requirement shall constitute sufficient ground for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security, in which event the Procuring Entity shall have a fresh period to initiate and complete the post qualification of the second Lowest Calculated Bid. The procedure shall be repeated until the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid is identified and selected for recommendation of contract award. However if no Bidder passed post-qualification, the BAC shall declare the bidding a failure and conduct a re-bidding with re-advertisement, if necessary.

33. Notice to Proceed

Within seven (7) calendar days from the date of approval of the Contract by the appropriate government approving authority, the Procuring Entity shall issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP) together with a copy or copies of the approved contract to the successful Bidder. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Bidder.

34. Protest Mechanism

Decision of the procuring entity at any stage of the procurement process may be questioned in accordance with Section 55 of the 2016 Revised IRR of Republic Act 9184.



Section III. Bid Data Sheet



Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
1.1.	<p>The PROCURING ENTITY is the PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION (PITC).</p> <p>The name of the Contract is: Construction of the University of the Philippines Open University Learning Commons at the UP Open University Campus per Bid Ref. No. GPG-B2-2018-430.</p>
1.2	No further instructions.
2.0	The Funding Source is from University of the Philippines (UP) per PITC Acknowledgement Letter No. TL-2018-135 dated 25 July 2018 .
3.1	No further instructions.
5.1	No further instructions.
5.2.	Bidding is restricted to eligible bidders as defined in ITB Clause 5.1.
5.4.(a)	No further instructions.
5.4.(b)	For purposes of this project, similar contracts shall refer to contracts involving construction of offices/buildings or vertical structures.
8.1	Subcontracting is not allowed.
8.2	Not Applicable.
9.1.	The PITC-BAC II will hold a pre-bid conference for this Project on 10 December 2018 (Monday) at 10:00 AM .
10.1	<p>Prospective Bidders may request for clarification on any part of the bidding documents for an interpretation. Such request must be in writing and submitted to the Procuring Entity at the following address <u>at least ten (10) calendar days</u> before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids.</p> <p>The PITC BAC II address is: MR. MARIO M. LEYGO Chair – Bids and Awards Committee II (BAC II) Philippine International Trading Corporation 4/f NDC Bldg., Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City Email: mmleygo@pitc.gov.ph/ Fax No. 892-1261</p> <p>Contact Person: Ms. IRENE G. ALAYON Head – BAC II Secretariat Tel. 818-9801 local 310</p>
10.3	No further instructions.



12.1.

A. ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS**CLASS "A" DOCUMENTS:**

- (i) Registration Certificate from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for corporations, or from Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or from Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives;
- (ii) Valid and current Business/Mayor's Permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located **OR** the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas;

In cases of recently expired Mayor's / Business permits, said permit shall be submitted together with the official receipt as proof that the bidder has applied for renewal within the period prescribed by the concerned local government unit, provided that the renewed permit shall be submitted as post-qualification requirement.;
- (iii) Valid and Current Tax Clearance issued by Accounts Receivable Monitoring Division per Executive Order 398, Series of 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the BIR.
- (iv) Copy of each of the following Audited Financial Statements for 2017 and 2016 (in comparative form or separate reports):
 - (a) Independent Auditor's Report;
 - (b) Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position); and
 - (c) Income Statement (Statement of Comprehensive Income)

Each of the above statements **must have stamped "received"** by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its duly accredited and authorized institutions.

OR

Submission of valid and current PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Registration*) together with Annex "A" in lieu of (Items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)) Eligibility Documents.

Note: Bidder must ensure that all Class "A" Eligibility Documents are valid and current at the time of submission of PHILGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Registration). In case any of the submitted Eligibility Documents are not valid and current at the time of submission of Platinum Registration, bidders are required to submit the valid and current documents together with the Platinum Registration.

In case the bidder opt to submit their Class "A" Documents, the Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership) shall remain as a post-qualification requirement to be submitted in accordance with Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 (GPPB Circular 07-2017 dated 31 July 2017.

- v. Statement of all ongoing government and private contracts including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid (**Annex I**).
- vi. Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract similar to the project to be bid equivalent to at least fifty (50%) of the total ABC of the project (**Annex I-A**).



For purposes of this project, similar contracts shall refer to contracts involving construction of offices/buildings or vertical structures.

Any of the following documents must be submitted/attached corresponding to the listed completed largest contracts per Annex I-A:

- (a) Constructor's Performance Evaluation System (CPES) Final Rating which must be Satisfactory, or
- (b) Owner's Certificate of Acceptance, or
- (c) Owner's Certificate of Completion

vii. Valid and current Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License with Classification/Category in General Building/General Engineering with Minimum License Category of C or D and Minimum Size Range "Small B." The PCAB license must indicate "PCAB registered contractor for Government Projects."

viii. Duly signed Certificate of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (**Annex II**), in accordance with ITB Clause 5.5.

The NFCC, computation must be equal to the ABC of the project/s. The detailed computation using the required formula must be shown as provided for in Annex II.

NFCC = [(Current assets minus current liabilities) (15)] minus the value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started, coinciding with the contract to be bid.

Notes:

1. The phrase "the values of the bidder's current assets and current liabilities" shall be based on the data submitted to the BIR, through its Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS)", refers to the values of the current assets and current liabilities reflected in the Annual Income Tax Return and Audited Financial Statements filed through eFPS.
2. The value of all outstanding or uncompleted contracts refers to those listed in Annex I.
3. The detailed computation must be shown using the required formula provided above.
4. The NFCC computation must at least be equal to the ABC of the project/s.

CLASS "B" DOCUMENT:

The participating entities entering a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) / Consortium Agreement are to be treated as a single entity and shall be jointly and severally responsible or liable for the obligations and liabilities incurred by any partner to the JV / Consortium pertinent to the project requirements.

Hence, any Blacklisting Order and/or overdue deliveries intended for end-user or PITC shall apply to the JVA/Consortium Agreement as the JV/Consortium is deemed as one bidder.

ix. Valid Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) / Consortium Agreement.

The JVA / Consortium Agreement must specify which Partner/Company of the JV / Consortium shall be designated as Authorized Representative. It must also clearly state the Name of the Officer/s designated as the Authorized Representative/s of the Joint Venture / Consortium.



- 1) Each JV / Consortium partner, must submit the following:
 - (i) Registration Certificate from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for corporations or from Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or from Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives;
 - (ii) Valid and current Business/Mayor's Permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located OR the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas;

In cases of recently expired Mayor's / Business permits, said permit shall be submitted together with the official receipt as proof that the bidder has applied for renewal within the period prescribed by the concerned local government unit, provided that the renewed permit shall be submitted as post-qualification requirement.
 - (iii) Valid and Current Tax Clearance issued by Accounts Receivable Monitoring Division per Executive Order 398, Series of 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the BIR.
 - (iv) Copy of each of the following Audited Financial Statements for 2017 and 2016 (in comparative form or separate reports):
 - (a) Independent Auditor's Report;
 - (b) Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position); and
 - (c) Income Statement (Statement of Comprehensive Income)

Each of the above statements **must have stamped "received"** by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its duly accredited and authorized institutions.

OR

Submission of valid and current PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Registration*) together with Annex "A" in lieu of (Items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)) Eligibility Documents.

- 2) Submission of the following items by any of the Joint Venture / Consortium Partners constitute compliance:
 - a) Statement of All Ongoing Contracts (Annex I), and
 - b) Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract (Annex I-A)
 - c) Duly signed NFCC
- 3) Entities forming themselves into a Joint Venture / Consortium shall likewise submit a valid special PCAB license to act in the capacity of such joint venture / consortium.

B. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

- i. **Bid security** must be issued in favor of the **Philippine International Trading Corporation**, in any of the following forms:
 - 1) Bid Securing Declaration per **Annex III**;
 - 2) Cash or Cashier's / Manager's Check equivalent to at least 2% of the ABC;



3) Bank Guarantee/ Bank draft or irrevocable LC equivalent to at least 2% of the ABC **or**

4) Surety bond callable upon demand equivalent to atleast 5% of the ABC.

Description	Qty	ABC inclusive of Vat (₱)	Bid Security	
			2% of ABC	5% of ABC
Construction of the University of the Philippines Open University Learning Commons at the UP Open University Campus	1 Lot	21,056,661.56	421,133.23	1,052,833.08

Notes:

- (a) The Cashier's/Manager's check shall be issued by a Local Universal or Commercial Bank.
- (b) The Bank Draft/Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit shall be issued by a Local Universal or Local Commercial Bank; or
- (c) Should bidder opt to submit a Surety Bond as Bid Security, the surety bond must conform with the following:

- (1) Issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such bond. Together with the surety bond, a copy of a valid Certification from Insurance Commission must be submitted by the bidder which must state that the surety or insurance company is specifically authorized to issue surety bonds.
- (2) Callable upon demand
- (3) **Must specify the grounds for forfeiture of bid security as stated in Section II, ITB Clause 18.5, to wit.**

▪ **IF A BIDDER:**

- i. withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified in ITB Clause 17;
- ii. does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to ITB Clause 27.3(b);
- iii. has a finding against the veracity of any documents submitted as stated in ITB Clause 28.2; or
- iv. submission of eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents.
- v. submits bids that contain false information or falsified documents, or the concealment of such information in the bids in order to influence the outcome of eligibility screening or any other stage of the public bidding;
- vi. allowing the use of one's name, or using the name of another for purposes of public bidding;
- vii. withdrawal of a bid, or refusal to accept an award, or enter into contract with the Government without justifiable cause, after the Bidder had been adjudged as having submitted the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid;
- viii. refusal or failure to post the required performance security within the prescribed time;



- ix. refusal to clarify or validate in writing its bid during post-qualification within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the request for clarification;
 - x. any documented attempt by a bidder to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding in his favor;
 - xi. failure of the potential joint venture partners to enter into the joint venture after the bid is declared successful; or
 - xii. all other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the competitive bidding, such as habitually withdrawing from bidding, submitting late Bids or patently insufficient bid, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reason.
- **IF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER:**
- xiii. fails to sign the contract in accordance with ITB Clause 32; or
 - xiv. fails to furnish performance security in accordance with ITB Clause 33
- ii. Conformed and signed Technical Bid Form (**Annex IV**)
 - iii. Summary of Scope of Works (For reference only) (**Annex IV-A**)
 - iv. Notarized Affidavit of Undertaking (**Annex IV-B**) for the Summary of Scope of Works and Drawings/Plans as contained in the CD.
 - v. Project Requirements, which shall include the following:
 - 1) Organizational chart for the contract to be bid.
 - 2) Conformed and signed list of required key personnel (**Annex IV-C**) to be assigned to the contract to be bid, with their complete qualification and experience with attached Bio Data (**Annex V**);
 - a. Project Manager
 - b. Resident Engineer
 - c. Project Architect
 - d. Project Civil/Structural Engineer
 - e. Project Registered Electrical Engineer
 - f. Project Electronics Engineer/ECE
 - g. Project Registered Mechanical Engineer
 - h. Project Sanitary Engineer
 - i. Safety Officer/Engineer
 - j. Quantity Surveyor
 - k. Material Engineer
 - l. CADD Operator
 - m. General Foreman
 - 3) List of contractor's equipment units, which are owned, leased, and/or under purchase agreements, supported by certification of availability of equipment from the equipment lessor/vendor for the duration of the project;
 - 4) Additional documents to include:
 - a) Construction Method
 - b) Construction Schedule – (In S-Curve **and** PERT/CPM)
 - c) Manpower Schedule - (In Gantt Chart or any format)
 - d) Equipment Utilization Schedule - (In Gantt Chart or any format)
 - vi. Affidavit of Site Inspection (**Annex VI**)



	<p>vii. Certificate of Performance Evaluation (Annex VII) showing a rating of at least Satisfactory, issued by the Bidder's client of the Single Largest Completed Contract of Similar Nature as indicated in the submitted Annex I-A ;</p> <p>viii. Proof of Authority of the designated representative/s for purposes of this bidding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Duly notarized Special Power of Attorney</u> - For sole proprietorship if owner opts to designate a representative/s; or 2) <u>Duly notarized Secretary's Certificate</u> evidencing the authority of the designated representative/s, issued by the corporation, cooperative or the members of the joint venture. <p>ix. Omnibus Sworn Statements using the form prescribed. (Annex VIII)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Authority of the designated representative (b) Non-inclusion in blacklist or under suspension status (c) Authenticity of Submitted Documents (d) Authority to validate Submitted Documents (e) Disclosure of Relations (f) Compliance with existing labor laws and standards (g) Bidders Responsibilities (h) Did not pay any form of consideration
13.1.	<p>Bidder's must use, accomplish, sign and submit the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Bid Form (Annex IX) • Bill of Quantities (Annex IX-A)
13.2	The ABC being bid is inclusive of VAT. Any bid exceeding the ABC shall not be accepted.
14.2	No further instructions.
15.4	No further instructions.
16.1.	The bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos.
16.3	No further instructions.
17.1.	Bids will be valid for <u>one hundred twenty (120) calendar days</u> from bid opening date.
18.2	The bid security shall be valid for one hundred twenty (120) days from bid opening.
20.3	Each Bidder shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the first and second components of its bid.
20.4	<p>All envelopes shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters; (b) bear the name and address of the Bidder in capital letters; (c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC identified in ITB Clause 20.1 (d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the Invitation to Bid; and (e) bear a warning "<u>DO NOT OPEN BEFORE:</u>" the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 21.



	<p>TO : BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE II PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION</p> <p>FROM: _____ (Name of Bidder in capital letters)</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____ (Address of Bidder in capital letters)</p> <p>PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES OPEN UNIVERSITY LEARNING COMMONS AT THE UP OPEN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS</p> <p>BID REF#: GPG-B2-2018-430</p> <p>(in capital letters indicate the phrase)</p> <p>DO NOT OPEN BEFORE: <u>17 January 2018 (Thursday), 03:00 PM</u></p>
<p>21.</p>	<p>The address for submission of bids is PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION G/F NDC Bldg, 116 Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City</p> <p>Contact Person:</p> <p>Ms. Irene G. Alayon Head-Secretariat BAC II Tel No. 818-9801 local 310</p> <p>The deadline for submission of bids is <u>17 January 2018 (Thursday), 03:00 PM</u></p>
<p>24.1.</p>	<p>The place of bid opening is</p> <p>Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) 5th floor NDC Bldg, 116 Tordesillas St, Salcedo Village, Makati City</p> <p>The date and time of bid opening is <u>17 January 2018 (Thursday), 03:00 PM</u></p>
<p>24.2</p>	<p>No further instructions.</p>
<p>24.3</p>	<p>No further instructions.</p>
<p>27.3.</p>	<p>No further instructions.</p>
<p>27.4.</p>	<p>No further instructions.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>POST QUALIFICATION:</p> <p>Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days, from receipt by the bidder of the notice from BAC that it submitted the Single/Lowest Calculated Bid (S/LCB) the bidder shall submit the following documentary requirements:</p> <p>1. Present the original copy and submit copy of the following:</p> <p>a) Valid and Current Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership)</p> <p>b) Copy of Latest Income Tax Returns per Revenue Reg. 3-2005.</p> <p>1) Monthly Value Added Tax Return Form 2550-M</p> <p>2) Quarterly Value Added Tax Return Form 2550-Q</p> <p>Only tax returns filed and taxes paid through BIR electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) shall be accepted. The latest income and business tax returns are those within the last six (6) months preceding the date of bid submission.</p>



	<p>c) Valid and Current SSS Clearance or latest quarter premium remittances and DOLE Clearance, or Undertaking to present original and submit copy of a Valid and Current SSS Clearance or latest quarter premium remittances and DOLE Clearance if declared as the Lowest/Single Calculated and Responsive Bid (L/SCRB) per Annex XI-A.</p> <p>d) Purchase Orders/Contracts relative to the Statement of All Ongoing Contracts (including Contracts awarded but not yet started, if any) as listed in the submitted Annex I.</p> <p>e) Purchase Orders/Contracts as listed in the submitted Annex I-A.</p> <p>2. Submit the original copy of the following:</p> <p>a) Company Profile or Company Brochure (per Annex X).</p> <p>b) Vicinity Map of the business</p> <p>3. Present the original copy of the following:</p> <p>a) Registration Certificate from the SEC for corporations, DTI for sole proprietorship or CDA for cooperatives.</p> <p>b) Valid and Current PCAB License.</p> <p>c) Business/Mayor’s permit for 2018 issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located or the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas;</p> <p>d) Valid and current Tax Clearance.</p> <p>e) Copy of each of the following Audited Financial Statements for 2017 and 2016 (in comparative form or separate reports);</p> <p>(a) Independent Auditor’s Report;</p> <p>(b) Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position); and</p> <p>(c) Income Statement (Statement of Comprehensive Income)</p> <p>Each of the above statements must have stamped “received” by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its duly accredited and authorized institutions.</p> <p>f) Constructor’s Performance Evaluation System (CPES), or Owner’s Certificate of Acceptance or Owner’s Certificate of Completion relative to the Single Largest Completed Contract Client per listed and submitted in Annex I-A.</p> <p>Failure of the bidder (declared as the Single/Lowest Calculated Bid) to duly submit the above requirements or a finding against the veracity of such shall be ground for forfeiture of the bid security and disqualification for award.</p> <p>Furthermore, as part of the Post Qualification, the eligibility and technical documents submitted by the SCB/LCB, will be validated and verified.</p>
28.2	<p>Only tax returns filed and taxes paid through the BIR electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) shall be accepted.</p> <p>Note: The latest income and business tax returns are those within the last six (6) months preceding the date of bid submission.</p>
31.4	<p>No further instructions.</p>



Section IV. General Conditions of Contract



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1. Definitions

For purposes of this Clause, boldface type is used to identify defined terms.

- 1.1. The **Arbiter** is the person appointed jointly by the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to resolve disputes in the first instance, as provided for in **GCC** Clause 21.
- 1.2. **Bill of Quantities** refers to a list of the specific items of the Work and their corresponding unit prices, lump sums, and/or provisional sums.
- 1.3. **The Completion Date** is the date of completion of the Works as certified by the Procuring Entity's Representative, in accordance with **GCC** 49.
- 1.4. The **Contract** is the contract between the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to execute, complete, and maintain the Works.
- 1.5. The **Contract Effectivity Date** is the date of signing of the Contract. However, the contractor shall commence execution of the Works on the Start Date as defined in **GCC** Clause 1.28.
- 1.6. The **Contract Price** is the price stated in the Letter of Acceptance and thereafter to be paid by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor for the execution of the Works in accordance with this Contract.
- 1.7. **Contract Time Extension** is the allowable period for the Contractor to complete the Works in addition to the original Completion Date stated in this Contract.
- 1.8. The **Contractor** is the juridical entity whose proposal has been accepted by the Procuring Entity and to whom the Contract to execute the Work was awarded.
- 1.9. The **Contractor's Bid** is the signed offer or proposal submitted by the Contractor to the Procuring Entity in response to the Bidding Documents.
- 1.10. **Days** are calendar days; months are calendar months.
- 1.11. **Dayworks** are varied work inputs subject to payment on a time basis for the Contractor's employees and Equipment, in addition to payments for associated Materials and Plant.
- 1.12. A **Defect** is any part of the Works not completed in accordance with the Contract.
- 1.13. The **Defects Liability Certificate** is the certificate issued by Procuring Entity's Representative upon correction of defects by the Contractor.
- 1.14. The **Defects Liability Period** is the one year period between contract completion and final acceptance within which the Contractor assumes the responsibility to undertake the repair of any damage to the Works at his own expense.
- 1.15. **Drawings** are graphical presentations of the Works. They include all supplementary details, shop drawings, calculations, and other information provided or approved for the execution of this Contract.



- 1.16. **Equipment** refers to all facilities, supplies, appliances, materials or things required for the execution and completion of the Work provided by the Contractor and which shall not form or are not intended to form part of the Permanent Works.
- 1.17. The **Intended Completion Date** refers to the date specified in the **SCC** when the Contractor is expected to have completed the Works. The Intended Completion Date may be revised only by the Procuring Entity's Representative by issuing an extension of time or an acceleration order.
- 1.18. **Materials** are all supplies, including consumables, used by the Contractor for incorporation in the Works.
- 1.19. The **Notice to Proceed** is a written notice issued by the Procuring Entity or the Procuring Entity's Representative to the Contractor requiring the latter to begin the commencement of the work not later than a specified or determinable date.
- 1.20. **Permanent Works** all permanent structures and all other project features and facilities required to be constructed and completed in accordance with this Contract which shall be delivered to the Procuring Entity and which shall remain at the Site after the removal of all Temporary Works.
- 1.21. **Plant** refers to the machinery, apparatus, and the like intended to form an integral part of the Permanent Works.
- 1.22. The Procuring Entity is the party who employs the Contractor to carry out the Works stated in the SCC.
- 1.23. The **Procuring Entity's Representative** refers to the Head of the Procuring Entity or his duly authorized representative, identified in the SCC, who shall be responsible for supervising the execution of the Works and administering this Contract.
- 1.24. The **Site** is the place provided by the Procuring Entity where the Works shall be executed and any other place or places which may be designated in the SCC, or notified to the Contractor by the Procuring Entity's Representative as forming part of the Site.
- 1.25. **Site Investigation Reports** are those that were included in the Bidding Documents and are factual and interpretative reports about the surface and subsurface conditions at the Site.
- 1.26. **Slippage** is a delay in work execution occurring when actual accomplishment falls below the target as measured by the difference between the scheduled and actual accomplishment of the Work by the Contractor as established from the work schedule. This is actually described as a percentage of the whole Works.
- 1.27. **Specifications** means the description of Works to be done and the qualities of materials to be used, the equipment to be installed and the mode of construction.
- 1.28. The **Start Date**, as specified in the SCC, is the date when the Contractor is obliged to commence execution of the Works. It does not necessarily coincide with any of the Site Possession Dates.



- 1.29. A **Subcontractor** is any person or organization to whom a part of the Works has been subcontracted by the Contractor, as allowed by the Procuring Entity, but not any assignee of such person.
- 1.30. **Temporary Works** are works designed, constructed, installed, and removed by the Contractor that are needed for construction or installation of the Permanent Works.
- 1.31. **Work(s)** refer to the Permanent Works and Temporary Works to be executed by the Contractor in accordance with this Contract, including (i) the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and others incidental, necessary or convenient to the complete execution of the Works; (ii) the passing of any tests before acceptance by the Procuring Entity's Representative; (iii) and the carrying out of all duties and obligations of the Contractor imposed by this Contract as described in the SCC.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In interpreting the Conditions of Contract, singular also means plural, male also means female or neuter, and the other way around. Headings have no significance. Words have their normal meaning under the language of this Contract unless specifically defined. The Procuring Entity's Representative will provide instructions clarifying queries about the Conditions of Contract.
- 2.2 If sectional completion is specified in the **SCC**, references in the Conditions of Contract to the Works, the Completion Date, and the Intended Completion Date apply to any Section of the Works (other than references to the Completion Date and Intended Completion Date for the whole of the Works).
- 2.3 The documents forming in this Contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:
 - a) Contract Agreement;
 - b) Bid Data Sheet;
 - c) Instructions to Bidders;
 - d) Addenda to the Bidding Documents;
 - e) Special Conditions of Contract;
 - f) General Conditions of Contract;
 - g) Specifications;
 - h) Bill of Quantities; and
 - i) Drawings.

3. Governing Language and Law

- 3.1 This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract which are exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.



3.2 This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

4. Communications

Communications between parties that are referred to in the Conditions shall be effective only when in writing. A notice shall be effective only when it is received by the concerned party.

5. Possession of Site

5.1 On the date specified in the **SCC**, the Procuring Entity shall grant the Contractor possession of so much of the Site as may be required to enable it to proceed with the execution of the Works. If the Contractor suffers delay or incurs cost from failure on the part of the Procuring Entity to give possession in accordance with the terms of this clause, the Procuring Entity's Representative shall give the Contractor a Contract Time Extension and certify such sum as fair to cover the cost incurred, which sum shall be paid by Procuring Entity.

5.2 If possession of a portion is not given by the date stated in the **SCC** Clause 5.1, the Procuring Entity will be deemed to have delayed the start of the relevant activities. The resulting adjustments in contract time to address such delay shall be in accordance with **GCC** Clause 47.

5.3 The Contractor shall bear all costs and charges for special or temporary right-of-way required by it in connection with access to the Site. The Contractor shall also provide at his own cost any additional facilities outside the Site required by it for purposes of the Works.

5.4 The Contractor shall allow the Procuring Entity's Representative and any person authorized by the Procuring Entity's Representative access to the Site and to any place where work in connection with this Contract is being carried out or is intended to be carried out.

6. The Contractor's Obligations

6.1 The Contractor shall carry out the Works properly and in accordance with this Contract. The Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, Materials, Plant and Contractor's Equipment, which may be required. All Materials and Plant on Site shall be deemed to be the property of the Procuring Entity.

6.2 The Contractor shall commence execution of the Works on the Start Date and shall carry out the Works in accordance with the Program of Work submitted by the Contractor, as updated with the approval of the Procuring Entity's Representative, and complete them by the Intended Completion Date.

6.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of all activities on the Site.

6.4 The Contractor shall carry out all instructions of the Procuring Entity's Representative that comply with the applicable laws where the Site is located.

6.5 The Contractor shall employ the key personnel named in the Schedule of Key Personnel, as referred to in the **SCC**, to carry out the supervision of the Works. The Procuring Entity will approve any replacement of key personnel only if their relevant



qualifications and abilities are equal to or better than those of the personnel listed in the Schedule.

- 6.6 If the Procuring Entity's Representative asks the Contractor to remove a member of the Contractor's staff or work force, for justifiable cause, the Contractor shall ensure that the person leaves the Site within seven (7) days and has no further connection with the Work in this Contract.
- 6.7 During Contract implementation, the Contractor and his subcontractors shall abide at all times by all labor laws, including child labor related enactments, and other relevant rules.
- 6.8 The Contractor shall submit to the Procuring Entity for consent the name and particulars of the person authorized to receive instructions on behalf of the Contractor.
- 6.9 The Contractor shall cooperate and share the Site with other contractors, public authorities, utilities, and the Procuring Entity between the dates given in the schedule of other contractors particularly when they shall require access to the Site. The Contractor shall also provide facilities and services for them during this period. The Procuring Entity may modify the schedule of other contractors, and shall notify the Contractor of any such modification thereto.
- 6.10 Should anything of historical or other interest or of significant value be unexpectedly discovered on the Site, it shall be the property of the Procuring Entity. The Contractor shall notify the Procuring Entity's Representative of such discoveries and carry out the Procuring Entity's Representative's instructions in dealing with them.

7. Performance Security

- 7.1 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the contract by both parties, the Contractor shall furnish the performance security in any of the forms prescribed in **ITB** Clause 32.2.
- 7.2 The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the Contractor is in default in any of its obligations under the Contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 7.4 The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Contractor after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) There are no pending claims against the Contractor or the surety company filed by the Procuring Entity;
 - (b) The Contractor has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
 - (c) Other terms specified in the **SCC**.



7.5 The Contractor shall post an additional performance security following the amount and form specified in **ITB** Clause 32.2 to cover any cumulative increase of more than ten percent (10%) over the original value of the contract as a result of amendments to order or change orders, extra work orders and supplemental agreements, as the case may be. The Contractor shall cause the extension of the validity of the performance security to cover approved contract time extensions.

7.6 In case of a reduction in the contract value or for partially completed Works under the contract which are usable and accepted by the Procuring Entity the use of which, in the judgment of the implementing agency or the Procuring Entity, will not affect the structural integrity of the entire project, the Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security, provided that any such reduction is more than ten percent (10%) and that the aggregate of such reductions is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the original performance security.

7.7 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Contractor, by entering into the Contract with the Procuring Entity, acknowledges the right of the Procuring Entity to institute action pursuant to Act 3688 against any subcontractor be they an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association supplying the Contractor with labor, materials and/or equipment for the performance of this Contract.

8. Subcontracting

8.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Contractor cannot subcontract Works more than the percentage specified in **BDS** Clause 8.1.

8.2 Subcontracting of any portion of the Works does not relieve the Contractor of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Contractor will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subcontractor, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Contractor's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.

8.3 If subcontracting is allowed, the contractor may identify its subcontractor during contract implementation stage. Subcontractors disclosed and identified during the bidding may be changed during the implementation of this Contract. In either case, subcontractors must submit the documentary requirements under ITB Clause 12 and comply with the eligibility criteria specified in the **BDS**. In the event that any subcontractor is found by any Procuring Entity to be eligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Work shall be disallowed.

9. Liquidated Damages

9.1 The Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Procuring Entity for each day that the Completion Date is later than the Intended Completion Date. The applicable liquidated damages is at least one-tenth (1/10) of a percent of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount of the contract. The Procuring Entity may deduct liquidated damages from payments due to the Contractor. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Contractor.

Once the cumulative amount of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the amount of this Contract, the Procuring Entity may rescind or terminate this Contract, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies open to it.



9.2 If the Intended Completion Date is extended after liquidated damages have been paid, the Engineer of the Procuring Entity shall correct any overpayment of liquidated damages by the Contractor by adjusting the next payment certificate.

10. Investigation Reports

The Contractor, in preparing the Bid, shall rely on any Site Investigation Reports referred to in the **SCC** supplemented by any information obtained by the Contractor.

11. The Procuring Entity, Licenses and Permits

The Procuring Entity shall, if requested by the Contractor, assist him in applying for permits, licenses or approvals, which are required for the Works.

12. Contractor's Risk and Warranty Security

12.1 The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for the Works from the time project construction commenced up to final acceptance by the Procuring Entity and shall be held responsible for any damage or destruction of the Works except those occasioned by *force majeure*. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for the safety, protection, security, and convenience of his personnel, third parties, and the public at large, as well as the Works, Equipment, installation, and the like to be affected by his construction work.

12.2 The defects liability period for infrastructure projects shall be one year from contract completion up to final acceptance by the Procuring Entity. During this period, the Contractor shall undertake the repair works, at his own expense, of any damage to the Works on account of the use of materials of inferior quality within ninety (90) days from the time the Head of the Procuring Entity has issued an order to undertake repair. In case of failure or refusal to comply with this mandate, the Procuring Entity shall undertake such repair works and shall be entitled to full reimbursement of expenses incurred therein upon demand.

12.3 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, in case the Contractor fails to comply with the preceding paragraph, the Procuring Entity shall forfeit its performance security, subject its property(ies) to attachment or garnishment proceedings, and perpetually disqualify it from participating in any public bidding. All payables of the GOP in his favor shall be offset to recover the costs.

12.4 After final acceptance of the Works by the Procuring Entity, the Contractor shall be held responsible for "Structural Defects", *i.e.*, major faults/flaws/deficiencies in one or more key structural elements of the project which may lead to structural failure of the completed elements or structure, or "Structural Failures", *i.e.*, where one or more key structural elements in an infrastructure facility fails or collapses, thereby rendering the facility or part thereof incapable of withstanding the design loads, and/or endangering the safety of the users or the general public:

- (a) Contractor – Where Structural Defects/Failures arise due to faults attributable to improper construction, use of inferior quality/substandard materials, and any violation of the contract plans and specifications, the contractor shall be held liable;
- (b) Consultants – Where Structural Defects/Failures arise due to faulty and/or inadequate design and specifications as well as construction supervision, then



the consultant who prepared the design or undertook construction supervision for the project shall be held liable;

- (c) Procuring Entity’s Representatives/Project Manager/Construction Managers and Supervisors – The project owner’s representative(s), project manager, construction manager, and supervisor(s) shall be held liable in cases where the Structural Defects/Failures are due to his/their willful intervention in altering the designs and other specifications; negligence or omission in not approving or acting on changes to noted defects or deficiencies in the design and/or specifications; and the use of substandard construction materials in the project;
- (d) Third Parties - Third Parties shall be held liable in cases where Structural Defects/Failures are caused by work undertaken by them such as leaking pipes, diggings or excavations, underground cables and electrical wires, underground tunnel, mining shaft and the like, in which case the applicable warranty to such structure should be levied to third parties for their construction or restoration works.
- (e) Users - In cases where Structural Defects/Failures are due to abuse/misuse by the end user of the constructed facility and/or non-compliance by a user with the technical design limits and/or intended purpose of the same, then the user concerned shall be held liable.

12.5 The warranty against Structural Defects/Failures, except those occasioned on force majeure, shall cover the period specified in the **SCC** reckoned from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Procuring Entity.

12.6 The Contractor shall be required to put up a warranty security in the form of cash, bank guarantee, letter of credit, GSIS or surety bond callable on demand, in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Warranty	Amount of Warranty Security Not Less than the Percentage (%) of Total Contract Price
(a) Cash or letter of credit issued by Universal or Commercial bank: provided, however, that the letter of credit shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	Five Percent (5%)
(b) Bank guarantee confirmed by Universal or Commercial bank: provided, that the letter of credit shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial bank, if issued by a foreign bank	Ten Percent (10%)
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by GSIS or any surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission	Thirty Percent (30%)

12.7 The warranty security shall be stated in Philippine Pesos and shall remain effective for one year from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Procuring Entity, and returned only after the lapse of said one year period.



12.8 In case of structural defects/failure occurring during the applicable warranty period provided in **GCC** Clause 12.5, the Procuring Entity shall undertake the necessary restoration or reconstruction works and shall be entitled to full reimbursement by the parties found to be liable for expenses incurred therein upon demand, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative, civil, and/or criminal charges against the responsible persons as well as the forfeiture of the warranty security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity.

13. Liability of the Contractor

Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the **SCC**, the Contractor's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

14. Procuring Entity's Risk

14.1 From the Start Date until the Certificate of Final Acceptance has been issued, the following are risks of the Procuring Entity:

- (a) The risk of personal injury, death, or loss of or damage to property (excluding the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment), which are due to:
 - (i) any type of use or occupation of the Site authorized by the Procuring Entity after the official acceptance of the works; or
 - (ii) negligence, breach of statutory duty, or interference with any legal right by the Procuring Entity or by any person employed by or contracted to him except the Contractor.
- (b) The risk of damage to the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment to the extent that it is due to a fault of the Procuring Entity or in the Procuring Entity's design, or due to war or radioactive contamination directly affecting the country where the Works are to be executed.

15. Insurance

15.1 The Contractor shall, under his name and at his own expense, obtain and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, the following insurance coverage:

- (a) Contractor's All Risk Insurance;
- (b) Transportation to the project Site of Equipment, Machinery, and Supplies owned by the Contractor;
- (c) Personal injury or death of Contractor's employees; and
- (d) Comprehensive insurance for third party liability to Contractor's direct or indirect act or omission causing damage to third persons.

15.2 The Contractor shall provide evidence to the Procuring Entity's Representative that the insurances required under this Contract have been effected and shall, within a reasonable time, provide copies of the insurance policies to the Procuring Entity's Representative. Such evidence and such policies shall be provided to the Procuring Entity through the Procuring Entity's Representative.



- 15.3 The Contractor shall notify the insurers of changes in the nature, extent, or program for the execution of the Works and ensure the adequacy of the insurances at all times in accordance with the terms of this Contract and shall produce to the Procuring Entity's Representative the insurance policies in force including the receipts for payment of the current premiums.

The above insurance policies shall be obtained from any reputable insurance company approved by the Procuring Entity's Representative.

- 15.4 If the Contractor fails to obtain and keep in force the insurances referred to herein or any other insurance which he may be required to obtain under the terms of this Contract, the Procuring Entity may obtain and keep in force any such insurances and pay such premiums as may be necessary for the purpose. From time to time, the Procuring Entity may deduct the amount it shall pay for said premiums including twenty five percent (25%) therein from any monies due, or which may become due, to the Contractor, without prejudice to the Procuring Entity exercising its right to impose other sanctions against the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.
- 15.5 In the event the Contractor fails to observe the above safeguards, the Procuring Entity may, at the Contractor's expense, take whatever measure is deemed necessary for its protection and that of the Contractor's personnel and third parties, and/or order the interruption of dangerous Works. In addition, the Procuring Entity may refuse to make the payments under **GCC** Clause 40 until the Contractor complies with this Clause.
- 15.6 The Contractor shall immediately replace the insurance policy obtained as required in this Contract, without need of the Procuring Entity's demand, with a new policy issued by a new insurance company acceptable to the Procuring Entity for any of the following grounds:
- (a) The issuer of the insurance policy to be replaced has:
- (i) become bankrupt;
 - (ii) been placed under receivership or under a management committee;
 - (iii) been sued for suspension of payment; or
 - (iv) been suspended by the Insurance Commission and its license to engage in business or its authority to issue insurance policies cancelled; or
 - (v) Where reasonable grounds exist that the insurer may not be able, fully and promptly, to fulfill its obligation under the insurance policy.

16. Termination for Default of Contractor

- 16.1 The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract for default when any of the following conditions attend its implementation:
- (i) Due to the Contractor's fault and while the project is on-going, it has incurred negative slippage of fifteen percent (15%) or more in accordance with Presidential Decree 1870, regardless of whether or not previous warnings and notices have been issued for the Contractor to improve his performance;



- (ii) Due to its own fault and after this Contract time has expired, the Contractor incurs delay in the completion of the Work after this Contract has expired; or
- (iii) The Contractor:
 - (a) abandons the contract Works, refuses or fails to comply with a valid instruction of the Procuring Entity or fails to proceed expeditiously and without delay despite a written notice by the Procuring Entity;
 - (b) does not actually have on the project Site the minimum essential equipment listed on the Bid necessary to prosecute the Works in accordance with the approved Program of Work and equipment deployment schedule as required for the project;
 - (c) does not execute the Works in accordance with this Contract or persistently or flagrantly neglects to carry out its obligations under this Contract;
 - (d) neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform a new Work that has been rejected as defective or unsuitable; or
 - (e) sub-lets any part of this Contract without approval by the Procuring Entity.

16.2 All materials on the Site, Plant, works, including Equipment purchased and funded under the Contract shall be deemed to be the property of the Procuring Entity if this Contract is rescinded because of the Contractor's default.

17. Termination for Default of Procuring Entity

The Contractor may terminate this Contract with the Procuring Entity if the works are completely stopped for a continuous period of at least sixty (60) calendar days through no fault of its own, due to any of the following reasons:

- (a) Failure of the Procuring Entity to deliver, within a reasonable time, supplies, materials, right-of-way, or other items it is obligated to furnish under the terms of this Contract; or
- (b) The prosecution of the Work is disrupted by the adverse peace and order situation, as certified by the Armed Forces of the Philippines Provincial Commander and approved by the Secretary of National Defense.

18. Termination for Other Causes

18.1 The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The Head of the Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract for the convenience of the Procuring Entity if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and National Government policies.

18.2 The Procuring Entity or the Contractor may terminate this Contract if the other party causes a fundamental breach of this Contract.

18.3 Fundamental breaches of Contract shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: