P.R. No: 2020-01-0037
UPGRADING OF LEASED LINES AND INTERNET SERVICES

Reference No.: **IB 2020-012**
Date: 14 February 2020

INVITATION TO BID (IB)

FOR THE

"Upgrading of Leased Lines Services for PAGASA Central Office, NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices and Upgrading of Internet Services for NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices"

1. The **Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)**, through the Agency's authorized **appropriations under 2020 Annual Procurement Plan (APP)**, intends to apply the sum of **Seven Million Four Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Pesos (Php7,458,000.00) Only**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Project, **"Upgrading of Leased Lines Services for PAGASA Central Office, NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices and Upgrading of Internet Services for NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices"** Bids received in excess of the ABC or appear to have deviated from the policy against "cut-throat" competition shall be automatically rejected at the bid opening.

2. **PAGASA** now invites bids for the **"Upgrading of Leased Lines Services for PAGASA Central Office, NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices and Upgrading of Internet Services for NL, SL, VIS, MIN Regional Services Division Offices"** as per Project specifications indicated in the Terms of Reference (TOR) / Technical Specifications. **Delivery/Upgrading period is within ninety (90) calendar days**. Price is inclusive of VAT and all other applicable taxes. Price Validity is one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days. Warranty shall be **one (1) year** commencing from the date of acceptance of the Project by PAGASA.

3. Bidders should have completed, within **three (3) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Project and Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

4. **The PAGASA-BAC is now ready to accept written request for clarification/s and/or interpretation on any part of the Bidding Documents. For an orderly and speedy discussion of the Project's requirements, prospective bidders are encouraged to submit their written requests for clarification before the Pre-bid Conference scheduled for this purpose. Request for clarification shall be addressed to the BAC Chairperson. Responses to all clarificatory questions shall be issued thru a Supplementary/Bid Bulletin (SBB).**

5. The Pre-bid Conference is open to all prospective bidders. Prospective bidder's duly authorized representatives must show proof of their authority to participate in the Pre-bid Conference, such as, duly signed authorization, notarized secretary's certificate or special power of attorney. **Strictly two (2) representatives per prospective bidder shall be allowed during the Pre-bid Conference.**

6. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using **non-discretionary** "**Pass/Fail**" **criterion** as specified in the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

7. Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least 60% interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Sec 23.4.1.1 of the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184 in relation with RA No. 5183.

8. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **PAGASA-BAC Secretariat** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m**. It may also be downloaded

at the PhilGEPS and PAGASA website free of charge, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the bidding documents not later than the scheduled submission of bids.

9. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address stated below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) Only.**

10. Bids must be submitted and duly received by the PAGASA-BAC Secretariat at the address stated below **not later than 09 March 2020, on or before 10:00a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB Clause 18**. Bid opening shall immediately follow and will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend**.** Late bids shall not be accepted.

11. The Complete Schedule of Bidding Activities is summarized as follows:

Activities	Schedule/Time	Venue
1. Posting of Invitation to Bid	18-25 February 2020	n/a
2. Issuance of Bidding Documents	18 February 2020 – 06 March 2020 / @ 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Budget Section, 3/F PAGASA-CO
3. Pre-bid Conference	26 February 2020 / 10:00 a.m.	*Amihan Conference Room, 2/F PAGASA CO
4. Submission of Envelopes 1 & 2	09 March 2020 / on or before 10:00a.m.	*Amihan Conference Room, 2/F PAGASA CO
5. Opening of Envelopes 1 & 2	09 March 2020 / 10:01a.m.	*Amihan Conference Room, 2/F PAGASA CO

**** - subject to change without prior notice to bidders.***

12. The PAGASA reserves the right to: (a) accept or reject any and all bids at any time prior to the award of the contract; (b) waive any minor formal requirements in the bid documents; (c) accept such bids it may consider to be advantageous and beneficial to the government; (d) declare a failure of bidding; (e) not award the contract for valid cause; and (f) make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

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