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PAGASA BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (PAGASA-BAC)

SUPPLEMENTAL / BID BULLETIN No. 2019-038-03

24 October 2019

Subject: "Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Training of Hydro-Meteorological Rainfall and Water Level Telemetry Monitoring System Equipment for the Aklan River Flood Forecasting and Warning System;" (Reference: PR No. 2019-04-0265 / IB No. 2019-038; ABC Php16,302,480.00)

This Bid Bulletin is being issued specifically to:

1. Further, **extend the schedule for the Submission and Opening of Bids** for the above-entitled Project on **04 November 2019 (Monday, 01:30 p.m.)** due to the insistent request of the majority of the prospective bidders and allow them sufficient time to prepare their respective bid tenders; and
2. Issue additional clarifications, amendments and/or modifications on certain provisions of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the aforementioned Project in response to the additional written requests for clarification submitted by the prospective bidders after the BAC's issuance of Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 2, *that:*

I. Additional request for clarification from **SUPERSERVE CORPORATION**

QUERY	REPLY
1. May we be appraised if we meet the requirement on "similar" contract based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We completed a similar contract with PAGASA wherein the project scope covered the supply, delivery, testing and training of hydro-meteorological rainfall and water level telemetry monitoring system equipment for the Cagayan River Flood Forecasting and Warning Center.• Although not within the scope of works as per contract, our team, together with several PAGASA engineers, carried out the installation, testing and commissioning of eleven (11) stations from Tuguegarao, Cagayan to Ilagan, Isabela. Telemetry experts from our foreign partner were on hand throughout the conduct of these activities.	For purposes of assessing and determining the prospective bidder's eligibility to participate in the bidding of the instant Project, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) relies merely on the completeness and compliance with the submission of pertinent documents and information specifically required under the TOR, the Instructions to Bidders and the Checklist of Eligibility Requirements, using the non-discretionary " Pass/Fail " criterion. The scenario presented by the prospective bidder may be considered as a "similar contract" based on the definition given in the TOR. However, proof of completion thereof, such as copy of Contract, Certificate of Completion and Acceptance, etc. should be submitted as part of their bid in order to be considered as compliant with the said requirement.
2. Whether the scope of completed contracts, i.e., five (5) years can be extended to a much longer period due to the nature and	The statement " must have completed a contract that is similar in nature . . . within the period of 5 years " under the Checklist of

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complexity of the instant Project and in order to guarantee a higher chance of a successful bidding process.	<i>Eligibility Requirements and Bid Data Sheet (BDS)</i> is hereby extended up to "within the period of 10 years," to encourage greater participation and competition among all prospective bidders.
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II. Request for Clarification from **ANASCOMM ELECTRONICS SUPPLY CO.**

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3. That, after their thorough study and evaluation of the requirements of the Project, it has come to our attention that the enumerated specifications and general conditions listed therein are leading to specific product/brand xxx.	<p>We hereby acknowledge that most of the specifications of the equipment and system requirements of the Project take reference to a certain brand or product.</p> <p>We have to clarify, however, that these are merely <u>minimum technical specifications</u> and prospective bidders are not prohibited from offering alternative brands or solutions with specifications and features that are equal to or better than the requirements of the instant Project.</p>

III. Request for Clarification from **IONE RESOURCES, INC.**

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<p>4. Under the Terms of Reference:</p> <p>a. Letter C, Bidders Qualifications:</p> <p>Whether the definition of "similar" contract could be revised to: <i>"those involving supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of various hydro-meteorological and water level telemetry monitoring equipment <u>and/or IT services</u> contract deployment with reputable firms within the Philippines or abroad."</i></p> <p>b. Letter C, No. 4, TOR:</p> <p>Aside from the ISO for bidders and/or manufacturer, and since the WMO recognizes the equipment to be used as stated in the TOR, may this be a warrant that the bidder is eligible to join said bid since the equipment manufactured are recognized by the WMO? Or, as long as the bidder or manufacturer must be a duly ISO certified, it also should be HMEI member or system offered is WMO recognized?</p>	<p>a. There is no need to include in the definition the provision of IT services. To state "and/or IT services" could be interpreted to mean that, prospective bidders may opt to present as their single largest completed contract a project for the provision of IT services only, which stand alone, could not be considered as a "similar in nature and complexity" to the instant Project.</p> <p>Hence, the original definition of a "similar contract" as provided for in the TOR shall be maintained.</p> <p>b. To be considered as "eligible" to participate in the bidding of this Project, the Prospective bidder must comply with the submission of <u>ALL</u> eligibility documents as required under the Checklist of Eligibility Requirements, the Terms of Reference and the Instructions to Bidders. The absence of any of those required eligibility documents will be considered as "non-compliance with the instructions to bidders" and will result in the bidder's automatic disqualification.</p>

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	<p>Thus, in the instant query, if the bidder complies accordingly with the specific requirement, then, it shall be rated "passed" only for the particular requirement.</p> <p>Stated otherwise, a prospective bidder may only be considered as eligible to participate in the bidding of a certain Project, if the latter complies with the submission of ALL the eligibility documents required therein.</p>
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This shall form an integral part of the Bid Documents.

For information and guidance of all participating bidders.

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