



**PAGASA BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (PBAC)**

**Resolution Recommending Renewal of Subscription;  
 and Recommending Award and Approval**

**Resolution No. 2023-005**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), through the Engineering and Technical Services Division (ETSD), intends to apply the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Pesos and 56/100 (Php220,891.56) only, covering the period of 12 months, under the reference, PR No. 2022-12-0968 EPA, for the renewal of subscription for IPVPN (Transport) Connectivity for CY 2023, and more specifically described hereunder, as follows:

PARTICULARS	ABC	Contract Duration
Subscription for IPVPN (Transport) Connectivity for CY 2023	Php220,891.56	12 mos.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the objectives presented by the proponent and to maintain the continuous operation of the PAGASA IPVPN (Transport) Connectivity services in order to support the basic day-to-day operations and services of the Agency;

**WHEREAS**, the PAGASA-BAC, in its meeting held on 24 January 2023, determined the necessity and urgency for the continuity of services of the existing service provider; and after a careful examination, evaluation and deliberation thereof, unanimously concurred to recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity the renewal of PAGASA's internet service provider to Philippine Research, Education and Government Information Network (PREGINET) for CY2023, based on the following reasons; That:

- The **ASTI/PREGINET** is the existing service maintenance provider of the Agency's internet connection;
- IPVPN connectivity has been evaluated to have very satisfactorily complied with all the terms and conditions of its existing contract with PAGASA and remains as the most advantageous to the Agency; and
- The renewal of the contract is justified in accordance with the Guidelines on Procurement of Water, Electricity, Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers as amended by GPPB Resolution No. 41-2017, dated 21 December 2017, entitled "Approving the Amendments to the Guidelines on Procurement of Water, Electricity, Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers", to ensure that contractual arrangements with service providers continue to be favorable to the interest of the government and thus, remain consistent with the principles of RA 9184 and to adapt to the changes in the procurement environment, *to wit*:

*"Section 3.3 Internet Service Providers (ISP)*

*Section 3.3.1 Existing ISPs*

*ISPs provide the initial infrastructure requirements (e.g., cabling) necessary in the provision on internet access. Changing ISPs every year may therefore prove to be more costly to government as every new ISP would have to charge the procuring entity for this initial investment. Further, changing ISPs entails interruption of internet access and, thus, any public service dependent on such access. Thus:*

*Section 3.3.1.1 Contractual agreements previously entered into with ISPs shall be respected.*

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Section 3.3.1.2 At the end of each year, however, the procuring entity must assess the quality of service provided by its ISP. For instance, it must compare the cost charged by said ISP and the range of services it offers as against other service providers in the area. It may also consider new technologies that may prove less costly or those that are more advantageous to the government in terms of use, capacity and services offered, e.g., bandwidth, speed, platform, additional services, such as, but not limited to cloud computing, cloud storage, etc.

Section 3.3.1.3 If the results of said assessment or cost-benefit analysis, conducted by the end-user, continue to favor the existing ISP, then the Head of the Procuring Entity may simply renew its services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We**, the Members of the Bids and Awards Committee, hereby **RESOLVE** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**:

- a) to **ADOPT**, the recommendation of the end-user to renew the Contract of Service Agreement to **Advance Science and Technology Institute (ASTI)** for the "Subscription of IPVPN (Transport) Connectivity", in the amount of **Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Pesos & 56/100 (Php220,891.56) only**;
- b) to **RECOMMEND, further**, the award of contract to **ASTI** for the implementation of the above-entitled Project;
- c) to **RECOMMEND**, further, that, the PAGASA-ETSD be ordered to immediately coordinate with the service provider for the execution of the renewal of service agreement; and
- d) to **RECOMMEND**, finally the **APPROVAL**, of the foregoing findings and recommendations.

**RESOLVED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 at the Amihan Conference Room, 2nd Floor PAGASA Main Building, Science Garden Complex, BIR Road, Brgy. Central, Quezon City.

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APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

  
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Approved on: FEB 16 2023