



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT  
GENERAL SOLANO ST., SAN MIGUEL, MANILA

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

**FOR THE**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR**

**INDEPENDENT FUNCTIONAL AND**

**TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES**

**FOR THE SYSTEM INTEGRATION**

**AND STABILIZATION OF THE**

**BUDGET AND TREASURY**

**MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BTMS)**

**(PART II)**

PROJECT ID No.: DBM-2019-46

**CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

Class "A" Documents

Technical Proposal consisting of the following as described in ITB item 10 (C. Preparation of Bids):

- ☐ 1. **TPF 1. Technical Proposal Submission Form**
- ☐ 2. **TPF 2. Consultant's References**
- ☐ 3. **TPF 3. Comments and Suggestions of Consultant on the Terms of Reference and on Data, Services and Facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity**
- ☐ 4. **TPF 4. Description of the Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Project**
- ☐ 5. **TPF 5. Team Composition and Task Projects**
- ☐ 6. **TPF 6. Curriculum Vitae for Proposed Professional Staff**
  - Including Training Certificate, Diploma, Employment Certificate, and other related Certifications
- ☐ 7. **TPF 7. Time Schedule for Professional Staff**
- ☐ 8. **TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule**
- ☐ 9. **Omnibus Sworn Statement**  
(use attached prescribed format in Section VII. Bidding Forms. TPF 9)
  - Accompanied by the company's Secretary's Certificate or Special Power of Attorney
- ☐ 10. **Bid Security** as described in ITB clause 15  
(see TPF 10 for bid securing declaration form)

Financial Proposal as described in ITB clause 11 (C. Preparation of Bids):

- ☐ 1. **FPP 1. Financial Proposal Submission Form**
- ☐ 2. **FPP 2. Summary of Costs**
- ☐ 3. **FPP 3. Breakdown of Price per Activity**
- ☐ 4. **FPP 4. Breakdown of Remuneration per Activity**
- ☐ 5. **FPP 5. Miscellaneous Expenses**

**\* Any discrepancy between the requirements stated in the Checklist and the requirements specified in the Bidding Documents, the latter shall prevail.**



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**NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY AND SHORTLISTING**  
**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT**  
**FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE SYSTEM**  
**INTEGRATION AND STABILIZATION OF THE BUDGET**  
**AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BTMS)**

1. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), through the authorized appropriations under the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act, intends to apply the sum of **Twenty Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P20,500,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Project, **"Consultancy Services for the Independent Functional and Technical Infrastructure Quality Assurance Services for the System Integration and Stabilization of the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)."** Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The DBM now invites bids to provide the following Consulting Services for the Project, **"Consultancy Services for the Independent Functional and Technical Infrastructure Quality Assurance Services for the System Integration and Stabilization of the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)."**
3. The Consultant shall be selected and employed in accordance with Quality Cost Based Evaluation procedures as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. This notice is addressed to SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co., the short-listed Consultant.
5. It is not permissible for the short-listed Consultants to transfer this invitation to any other Consultant.
6. The short-listed Consultant may obtain further information from the DBM-Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7. The Bidding Documents may be acquired by the short-listed Consultant on February 17, 2020 from the address below and upon payment of a fee in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00).

It may also be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity.

8. The DBM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on February 24, 2020, 9:30 a.m., at the BAC Conference Room, Ground Floor, DBM Building III, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila, which shall be open to the short-listed Consultant.


9. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat at the address below on or before March 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 15.

Bid opening shall be on March 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m., at the BAC Conference Room, Ground Floor, DBM Building III, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

10. The DBM reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Section 41 of R.A. No. 9184 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

11. For further information, please refer to:

DBM-BAC Secretariat  
BAC Conference Room  
Department of Budget and Management  
Ground Floor, DBM Building III, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila  
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## **A. General**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The Procuring Entity named in the Bid Data Sheet (**BDS**) shall select an individual, sole proprietorship, cooperative, partnership, corporation, or a joint venture (JV) (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") from among those short listed, in accordance with the evaluation procedure specified in the **BDS**.
- 1.2. The Procuring Entity has received financing (hereinafter called "funds") from the source indicated in the **BDS** (hereinafter called the "Funding Source") toward the cost of the Project named in the **BDS**. The Procuring Entity intends to apply a portion or the whole of the funds to payments for this Project.
- 1.3. Consultants are invited to submit bids composed of a technical proposal and a financial proposal for Consulting Services required for this Project described in the **BDS**. Bids shall be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed contract with the selected Consultant.
- 1.4. If the **BDS** indicates that the Project will be completed in phases, each phase must be completed to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction prior to the commencement of the next phase.
- 1.5. Consultants must familiarize themselves with local conditions and take them into account in preparing their bids. To obtain firsthand information on the project and on the local conditions, Consultants are encouraged to visit the Procuring Entity before submitting a bid and to attend the pre-bid conference specified in **ITB** Clause 7.
- 1.6. The Consultants' costs of preparing their bids and negotiating the contract, including a visit to the Procuring Entity, are not reimbursable as a direct cost of the project.
- 1.7. Consultants shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices issued by the Funding Source or the Procuring Entity in accordance with **ITB** Clause 3.1.

### **2. Conflict of Interest**

- 2.1. The Funding Source's policy requires that Consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Procuring Entity's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid situations where a conflict of interest shall arise with their other projects or their own interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any project that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other entities, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the Project in the best interest of the Procuring Entity. Without limitation on the generality of this rule, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

- (a) If a Consultant combines the function of consulting with those of contracting and/or supply of equipment for the same Project;
  - (b) If a Consultant is associated with, affiliated to, or owned by a contractor or a manufacturing firm with departments or design offices offering services as consultants unless such Consultant includes relevant information on such relationships along with a statement in the Technical Proposal cover letter to the effect that the Consultant shall limit its role to that of a consultant and disqualify itself and its associates from work in any other capacity that may emerge from the Project (including bidding for any part of the future project). The contract with the Consultant selected to undertake the Project shall contain an appropriate provision to such effect; or
  - (c) If there is a conflict among consulting projects, the Consultant (including its personnel and subconsultants) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Consultant shall not be recruited for the relevant project. The duties of the Consultant depend on the circumstances of each case. While continuity of consulting services may be appropriate in particular situations where no conflict exists, a Consultant cannot be recruited to carry out a project that, by its nature, shall result in conflict with a prior or current project of such Consultant. Examples of the situations mentioned are when a Consultant engaged to prepare engineering design for an infrastructure project shall not be recruited to prepare an independent environmental assessment for the same project; similarly, a Consultant assisting a Procuring Entity in privatization of public assets shall not purchase, nor advise purchasers, of such assets; or a Consultant hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for a project shall not be recruited for the project in question.
- 2.2. Consultants shall not be related to the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), members of the BAC, the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the PMO or the end-user unit, and the project consultants, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree. The prohibition shall apply as follows:
- (a) If the Consultant is an individual or sole proprietorship, then to himself;
  - (b) If the Consultant is a partnership, then to all its officers and members;
  - (c) If the Consultant is a corporation, then to all its officers, directors and controlling stockholders;
  - (d) If the Consultant is a cooperative, to all its officers, directors, and controlling shareholders or members; or
  - (e) If the Consultant is a JV, the provisions of items (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Section shall correspondingly apply to each of the members of the said joint venture, as may be appropriate.

Relationship of the nature described above or a failure to comply with the provisions of this clause will result in the rejection of the Consultant's bid.

- 2.3. Subject to the provisions of **ITB Clause 2**, any previous or ongoing participation by the Consultant, its professional staff, or its affiliates or associates under a contract with the Funding Source or the Procuring Entity in relation to this Project may result in the rejection of its bid. Consultants should clarify their situation in that respect with the Procuring Entity before preparing its bid.
- 2.4. Failure by a Consultant to fully disclose potential conflict of interest at the time of Bid submission, or at a later date in the event that the potential conflict arises after such date, shall result in the Procuring Entity and/or the Funding Source seeking the imposition of the maximum administrative, civil and criminal penalties up to and including imprisonment.
- 2.5. Consultants are discouraged to include officials and employees of the Government of the Philippines (GoP) as part of its personnel. Participation of officials and employees of the GoP in the Project shall be subject to existing rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission.
- 2.6. Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that Consultants do not derive unfair competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the Project in question. To this end, the Procuring Entity shall make available to all the short listed consultants together with the Bidding Documents all information that would in that respect give each Consultant a competitive advantage.

### **3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive, and Obstructive Practices**

- 3.1. The Procuring Entity as well as the Consultants 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 GoP, 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.

(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 any of the practices mentioned in this Clause for purposes of competing for the contract.

3.2. Further, the Procuring Entity will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties available under 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 Consultant in the bidding for and performance of a contract themselves or through independent auditors as reflected in the GCC Clause 51.

#### **4. Consultant's Responsibilities**

- 4.1. The Consultant or its duly authorized representative shall submit a sworn statement in the form prescribed in Section VII. Bidding Forms as required in ITB Clause 10.2(d).
- 4.2. The Consultant 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 this Project, if any;
  - (d) Having complied with its responsibility to inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin/s as provided under ITB Clause 8.4.
  - (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 the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract, accompanied by the 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 the 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 compensation, 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 Consultant concerned.

- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the Consultant 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.
- 4.5. Before submitting their bids, the Consultants are deemed to have become familiar with all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the GoP which may affect the contract in any way.

- 4.6. The Consultant 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.
- 4.7. Consultants should note that the Procuring Entity will only accept bids from those that have paid the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest.

## **5. Origin of Associated Goods**

Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, there is no restriction on the origin of Goods other than those prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

## **6. Subcontracts**

- 6.1. Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Consultant may subcontract portions of the Consulting Services 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 Consultant from any liability or obligation that may arise from the contract for this Project.
- 6.2. Subconsultant must comply with the eligibility criteria and the documentary requirements specified in the **BDS**. In the event that any subconsultant is found by the Procuring Entity to be ineligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Consulting Services shall be disallowed.
- 6.3. The Consultant may identify the subconsultant to whom a portion of the Consulting Services will be subcontracted at any stage of the bidding process or during contract implementation. If the Consultant opts to disclose the name of the subconsultant during bid submission, the Consultant shall include the required documents as part of the technical component of its bid. A subconsultant that is identified by the Consultant during contract implementation must comply with the eligibility criteria and documentary requirements and secure approval of the Procuring Entity.

## **B. Contents of Bidding Documents**

### **7. Pre-Bid Conference**

- 7.1. If so specified in the **BDS**, a pre-bid conference shall be held at the venue and on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Consultants' questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.
- 7.2. The pre-bid conference shall be held at least twelve (12) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, but not earlier than seven (7) calendar days from the determination of the short-listed consultants. 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.

- 7.3. Consultants are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to ensure that they fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. Non-attendance of the Consultant will in no way prejudice its bid; however, the Consultant is expected to know the changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents as recorded in the minutes of the pre-bid conference and the Supplemental/Bid Bulletin. 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.
- 7.4. 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.

## **8. Clarifications and Amendments to Bidding Documents**

- 8.1. Short-listed consultants may request for clarification(s) on and/or an 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.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. Any Supplemental/Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted in the 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 Consultants who have properly secured the Bidding Documents to inquire and secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, Consultants 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 20.



## **C. Preparation of Bids**

### **9. 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.

### **10. Documents Comprising the Bid: Technical Proposal**

10.1. While preparing the Technical Proposal, Consultants must give particular attention to the following:

- (a) The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. Any Technical Proposal containing financial information shall be declared non-responsive.
- (b) For projects on a staff-time basis, the estimated number of professional staff-months specified in the **BDS** shall be complied with. Bids shall, however, be based on the number of professional staff-months estimated by the Consultant.
- (c) Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the **BDS**, preferably working under conditions similar to those prevailing in the Republic of the Philippines.
- (d) No alternative professional staff shall be proposed, and only one Curriculum Vitae (CV) may be submitted for each position.

10.2. The Technical Proposal shall contain the following information/documents:

- (a) Technical Proposal Submission Form shall be the cover letter of the Technical Proposal, using the form prescribed in Section VII. Bidding Forms (TPF 1).
- (b) Bid security as prescribed in **ITB** Clause 15. If the bidder opts to submit the bid security in the form of:
  - (i) 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

- (ii) a surety bond accompanied by a certification coming from the Insurance Commission that the surety or insurance company is authorized to issue such instrument.
- (c) Information indicated in the paragraphs below must be provided by the Consultant and each partner and/or subconsultant, if any, following the formats described in the Technical Proposal Forms:
  - (i) A brief description of the organization and outline of recent experience of the Consultant and each partner and/or subconsultant on projects of a similar and related nature as required in form TPF 2. Consultant's References. For each project, the outline should indicate *inter alia*, the project, contract amount and the Consultant's involvement. Information should be provided only for those projects for which the Consultant was legally contracted by itself or as one of the major participating consultants within an association. Whenever applicable, the experience of individual experts from projects completed independently or when associated with consultants other than the one with whom the individual is currently associated with cannot be claimed as the experience of the current consultant or any one of its partners and/or subconsultants, but can be claimed by the individuals themselves in their CVs. Consultants should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience if so requested by the Procuring Entity.
  - (ii) Comments, if any, on the TOR (TPF 3. Comments and Suggestions of Consultant on the Terms of Reference and on Data, Services, and Facilities to be Provided by the Procuring Entity) to improve performance in carrying out the Project. Innovativeness shall be appreciated, including workable suggestions that could improve the quality/effectiveness of the Project. In this regard, unless the Consultant clearly states otherwise, it shall be assumed by the Procuring Entity that work required to implement any such improvements, are included in the inputs shown on the Consultant's Staffing Schedule. It shall include a list of facilities requested by the Consultant to be provided by the Procuring Entity, if any, in addition to those shown on the Data Sheet that may include support facilities such as: counterpart staff, office space, local transportation, equipment, domestic administrative support, etc. that would be needed to carry out the project.
  - (iii) A concise, complete, and logical description of how the Consultant's team shall carry out the services to meet all requirements of the TOR using TPF 4. Description of the Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Project.
  - (iv) An organization chart of the key and support staff indicating their tasks and relationships amongst the Consultant and any

partner and/or subconsultant, the Procuring Entity, the Funding Source and the GoP, and other parties or stakeholders, if any, involved in the project using TPF 5. Team Composition and Task.

- (v) The name, age, nationality, background employment record, and professional experience of each nominated expert including ongoing projects, with particular reference to the type of experience required for the tasks assigned should be presented in the CV format shown in TPF 6. Format of Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff. Only one duly notarized CV for each consultant involved in the Project may be submitted for each position.
  - (vi) The Procuring Entity requires that each expert confirm that the content of his/her CV is correct and the experts themselves should sign the certification of the CV. In addition, the expert should submit a signed written commitment stating that the expert shall work for the Project once awarded the contract. A zero rating shall be given to a nominated expert if the expert:
    - (vi.1) is proposed for a domestic position but is not a Filipino citizen;
    - (vi.2) failed to state nationality on the CV; or
    - (vi.3) the CV is not signed in accordance with paragraph (v) above.
  - (vii) A Time Schedule (TPF 7. Time Schedule for Professional Personnel) indicating clearly the estimated duration in terms of person-months (shown separately for work in the field and in the home office) and the proposed timing of each input for each nominated expert, including domestic experts, if required, using the format shown. The schedule shall also indicate when experts are working in the project office and when they are working at locations away from the project office.
  - (viii) A work plan showing in graphical format (bar chart) the timing of major activities, anticipated coordination meetings, and deliverables such as reports required under the TOR using TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule.
- (d) Sworn statement in accordance with Section 25.3 of the IRR of RA 9184 and using the form prescribed in Section VII. Bidding Forms.

## **11. Documents Comprising the Bid: Financial Proposal**

- 11.1. All information provided in a Consultant's Financial Proposal shall be treated as confidential. The Financial Proposal must be submitted in hard copy using the format shown in Financial Proposal Forms.

- 11.2. The Financial Proposal requires completion of six (6) forms, particularly, FPF 1, FPF 2, FPF 3, FPF 4, FPF 5, and FPF 6. FPF 1. Financial Proposal Submission Form should form the covering letter of the Financial Proposal. Form FPF 2. Summary of Costs, FPF 3. Breakdown of Price per Activity, FPF 4. Breakdown of Remuneration per Activity, FPF 5. Reimbursables per Activity, and FPF 6. Miscellaneous Expenses, relate to the costs of consulting services under two distinct categories, namely: (a) Remuneration; and (b) Reimbursable Expenditures.
- 11.3. Remuneration is divided into billing rate estimates for international and domestic consultants. Reimbursable Expenditures are divided into per diem rates for international and domestic consultants and costs for other reimbursable expenditure items required to perform the consulting services.
- 11.4. The list of experts, and their respective inputs, identified in Financial Proposal Forms, must match the list of experts and their respective inputs shown in Technical Proposal Forms.
- 11.5. The Consultant shall be subject to Philippine taxes on amounts payable by the Procuring Entity under the contract through mandated withholding by local tax authorities of specified percentages of such amounts or otherwise. The **BDS** details the taxes payable.
- 11.6. The Financial Proposal should clearly estimate, as a separate amount, the local taxes (including social security), duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable law, on the Consultants, the subconsultants, and its personnel (other than Philippine Nationals or permanent residents of the Philippines).
- 11.7. Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**, total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for minor arithmetical corrections, such as computational errors, which exceed the approved budget for the contract (ABC) shall not be considered.

## **12. Alternative Bids**

Consultants participating in more than one bid or associating with any other entity other than those already provided in its eligibility documents and allowed by the Procuring Entity shall be disqualified.

## **13. Bid Currencies**

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. If so allowed in accordance with **ITB** Clause 13.1, 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 *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP) reference rate bulletin on the day of the bid opening.

- 13.3. Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

#### 14. Bid Validity

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity may request Consultants 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 15 should also be extended corresponding to the extension of the bid validity period at the least. A Consultant may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security, but his bid shall no longer be considered for further evaluation and award. A Consultant granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

#### 15. Bid Security

- 15.1. The Consultant shall submit a Bid Securing Declaration or any form of Bid Security in an amount stated in the **BDS**, which shall be not 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)
<p>a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.</p> <p><i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the cashier's/manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i></p>	Two percent (2%)
<p>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 Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.</p>	

For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Bank Draft/ Guarantee, or irrevocable letter of credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.	
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 31, 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.

- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. No bid securities shall be returned to the Consultants 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 request 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 Highest Rated Responsive Bid (HRRB) 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 15.2.
- 15.4. 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 Consultant's bid security will be discharged, but in no case later than the bid security validity period as indicated in **ITB** Clause 15.2.
- 15.5. The bid security may be forfeited:
  - (a) if a Consultant:
    - (i) withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified in **ITB** Clause 15.2;

- (ii) does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to ITB Clause 11.7;
  - (iii) has a finding against the veracity of the required documents submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 27.2;
  - (iv) submission of eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents;
  - (v) any 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 LCRB;
  - (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 Consultant:
- (i) fails to sign the contract in accordance with ITB Clause 31;
  - (ii) fails to furnish performance security in accordance with ITB Clause 32; or
  - (iii) any other reason stated in the BDS.

## **16. Format and Signing of Bids**

- 16.1. Consultants shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section VII. Bidding Forms on or before the deadline specified in the ITB Clause 18 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes, and which shall be submitted simultaneously. The first shall contain the technical proposal and the second shall contain the financial proposal.
- 16.2. Forms as mentioned in ITB Clause 16.1 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.
- 16.3. The Consultant shall prepare an original of the first and second envelopes as described in ITB Clauses 10 and 11. In addition, the Consultant 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.
- 16.4. Each and every page of the Technical Proposal Submission Form and the Financial Proposal Submission Form under Section VII. Bidding Forms hereof shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Consultant. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the bid.
- 16.5. Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Consultant.

## **17. Sealing and Marking of Bids**

- 17.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, Consultants shall enclose their original technical proposal described in ITB Clause 10, in one sealed envelope marked "ORIGINAL - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL", and the original of their financial proposal in another sealed envelope marked "ORIGINAL - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", sealing them all in an outer envelope marked "ORIGINAL BID".
- 17.2. Each copy of the first and second envelopes shall be similarly sealed duly marking the inner envelopes as "COPY NO. \_\_\_\_ - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" and "COPY NO. \_\_\_\_ - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" and the outer envelope as "COPY NO. \_\_\_\_", respectively. These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. All envelopes shall:
  - (a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
  - (b) bear the name and address of the Consultant in capital letters;



- (c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC in accordance with ITB Clause 18.1;
  - (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 18.
- 17.5. 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**

##### **18. 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.

##### **19. Late Bids**

Any bid submitted after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids prescribed by the Procuring Entity, pursuant to ITB Clause 18, 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 Consultant's name, its representative and the time the late bid was submitted.

##### **20. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**

- 20.1. The Consultant 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 Consultant shall not be allowed to retrieve its original bid, but shall be allowed to submit another bid equally sealed, properly identified in accordance with ITB Clause 17.4, 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 Consultant unopened.
- 20.2. A Consultant 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.

- 20.3 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Clause 20.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders. A Consultant, who has acquired the bidding documents, 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 Consultant that withdraws its bid shall not be permitted to submit another bid, directly or indirectly, for the same contract.
- 20.4 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 Consultant on the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval shall result in the forfeiture of the Consultant's bid security, pursuant to ITB Clause 15.5, and the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions as prescribed by R.A. 9184 and its IRR.

### **E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**

#### **21. Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids**

- 21.1 Only bids from short-listed bidders shall be opened and considered for award of contract. These short-listed bidders, whether single entities or JVs, should confirm in their Technical Proposal Submission Form that the information contained in the submitted eligibility documents remains correct as of the date of bid submission.
- 21.2 The BAC shall open the bids immediately after the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids in public, 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 on the next working day or at the soonest possible time through the issuance of a Bulletin to be posted at the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.
- 21.3 To determine each bidder's compliance with the documents prescribed in ITB Clause 10, the BAC shall open the first envelope (Technical Proposal) and check the submitted documents of each bidder in accordance with ITB Clause 10.2 to ascertain if they are all present, 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".
- 21.4 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 Consultant unopened.
- 21.5 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.

- 21.6 All technical envelopes shall be rescaled. Those rated "passed" shall be secured for the detailed technical bid evaluation, while those rated "failed" will be secured for purposes of possible filing of a request for reconsideration unless the bidder waives its right to file a request for reconsideration, in which case, the envelope shall be returned to the bidder immediately.
- 21.7 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 bid 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.

## **22. Process to be Confidential**

- 22.1 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 Consultant regarding the evaluation of their bids until the approval by the HoPE of the ranking of short-listed Consultants, unless otherwise allowed in the **BDS** or in the case of ITB Clause 23.
- 22.2 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 Consultant's bid.

## **23. Clarification of Bids**

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

## **24. Bid Evaluation**

- 24.1 For the evaluation of bids, numerical ratings shall be used. In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the Bids, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each Consultant for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the Consultants, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.
- 24.2 For complex or unique undertakings, such as those involving new concepts/technology or financial advisory services, participating short-listed consultants may be required, at the option of the Procuring Entity concerned, to make an oral presentation to be presented by each Consultant, or its nominated Project Manager or head, in case of consulting firms, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the deadline for submission of Technical Proposals.
- 24.3 The entire evaluation process, including the submission of the results thereof to the HoPE for approval, shall be completed in not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the deadline for receipt of bids. The bid with the highest

rank shall be identified as the Highest Rated Bid. The HoPE shall approve or disapprove the recommendations of the BAC within two (2) calendar days after receipt of the results of the evaluation from the BAC.

- 24.4 All participating short-listed consultants shall be furnished the results (ranking and total scores only) of the evaluation after the approval by the HoPE of the ranking. Said results shall also be posted in the PhilGEPS and the website of the Procuring Entity, if available, for a period of not less than seven (7) calendar days.

## **25 Evaluation of Technical Proposals**

- 25.1 The BAC shall then conduct a detailed evaluation of technical bids following the procedures specified in the **BDS** depending on the evaluation procedure identified in the Request for Expression of Interest and ITB Clause 1.1.

- 25.2 The BAC evaluates the Technical Proposals on the basis of their compliance with the requirements under ITB Clause 10 and responsiveness to the TOR using the following criteria:

- (a) Quality of personnel to be assigned to the Project which covers suitability of key staff to perform the duties for the Project and general qualifications and competence including education and training of the key staff;
- (b) Experience and capability of the Consultant which include records of previous engagement and quality of performance in similar and in other projects; relationship with previous and current clients; and, overall work commitments, geographical distribution of current/impending projects and attention to be given by the consultant. The suitability of the Consultant to the Project shall consider both the overall experiences of the firm and the individual experiences of the principal and key staff including the times when employed by other consultants; and
- (c) Plan of approach and methodology with emphasis on the clarity, feasibility, innovativeness and comprehensiveness of the plan approach, and the quality of interpretation of project problems, risks, and suggested solutions.

- 25.3 The BAC shall assign numerical weights and the minimum required technical score to each of the above criteria which shall be indicated in the **BDS**. A Bid shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the TOR or if it fails to achieve the minimum Technical Score (St) indicated in the **BDS**.

- 25.4 Technical Proposals shall not be considered for evaluation in any of the following cases:

- (a) late submission, i.e., after the deadline set in the ITB Clause 18;

- (b) failure to submit any of the technical requirements provided under this ITB and TOR;
- (c) the Consultant that submitted a Bid or any of its partner and/or subconsultant belongs to one of the conflict of interest cases as described in ITB Clauses 2.1(a) to (c) and failed to make a proper statement to that effect in the cover letter; or
- (d) the Technical Proposal included any cost of the services.

## **26 Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals**

- 26.1 Financial Proposals shall be opened on the date indicated in the **BDS**.
- 26.2 The Financial Proposals opened shall be evaluated based on the evaluation procedure indicated in ITB Clause 1.1 using the corresponding procedure provided in the **BDS**.

## **27 Negotiations**

- 27.1 Negotiations with the Consultant that submitted the Highest Rated Bid shall be held at the address indicated in the **BDS**. The aim is to reach agreement on all points.
- 27.2 Negotiations shall cover the following:
  - (a) Discussion and clarification of the TOR and Scope of Services;
  - (b) Discussion and finalization of the methodology and work program proposed by the Consultant;
  - (c) Consideration of appropriateness of qualifications and pertinent compensation, number of man-months and the personnel to be assigned to the job, taking note of over-qualified personnel to be commensurate with the compensation of personnel with the appropriate qualifications, number of man-months and schedule of activities (manning schedule);
  - (d) Discussion on the services, facilities and data, if any, to be provided by Procuring Entity concerned;
  - (e) Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, discussion on the Financial Proposal submitted by the Consultant; and
  - (f) Provisions of the contract.
- 27.3 Having selected the Consultant on the basis of, among other things, an evaluation of the proposed key professional staff, the Procuring Entity expects to negotiate a contract on the basis of the experts named in the bid. Before contract negotiations, the Procuring Entity shall require assurances that the experts shall be actually available. The Procuring Entity shall not consider substitutions during contract negotiations except for justifiable reason as may be determined by the Procuring Entity, such as illness, death, or resignation,

unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or that such changes are critical to meet the objectives of the Project. If this is not the case and if it is established that key staff were offered in the bid without confirming their availability, the Consultant may be disqualified. Once the contract has been awarded, no replacement shall be allowed until after fifty percent (50%) of the personnel's man-months have been served, except for justifiable reasons as may be determined by the Procuring Entity. Violators shall be fined an amount equal to the refund of the replaced personnel's basic rate, which should be at least fifty percent (50%) of the total basic rate for the duration of the engagement.

- 27.4 Negotiations shall include a discussion of the technical proposal, the proposed methodology (work plan), staffing and any suggestions made by the Consultant to improve the TOR. The Procuring Entity and Consultant shall then work out the final TOR, staffing, and bar charts indicating activities, staff, periods in the field and in the home office, staff-months, logistics, and reporting. The agreed work plan and final TOR shall then be incorporated in Appendix I and form part of the contract. Special attention shall be paid to getting the most the Consultant can offer within the available budget and to clearly defining the inputs required from the Procuring Entity to ensure satisfactory implementation of the Project.
- 27.5 The financial negotiations shall include a clarification of the Consultant's tax liability in the Philippines, if any, and the manner in which it shall be reflected in the contract; and shall reflect the agreed technical modifications in the cost of the services. The negotiations shall conclude with a review of the draft form of the contract. To complete negotiations, the Procuring Entity and the Consultant shall initial the agreed contract. If negotiations fail, the Procuring Entity shall invite the Consultant whose Bid received the second highest score to negotiate a contract. If negotiations still fail, the Procuring Entity shall repeat the process for the next-in-rank Consultant until the negotiation is successfully completed.

## **28 Post Qualification**

- 28.1 The BAC shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Consultant that is evaluated as having submitted the Highest Rated Bid (HRB) complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in the Eligibility Documents and ITB Clauses 10 and 11.
- 28.2 Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the Consultant of the notice from the BAC that it submitted the Highest Rated Bid, the Consultant 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 Consultant's qualifications submitted pursuant to ITB Clauses 10 and 11, 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 Consultant with the Highest Rated Bid passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the Consultant with the HRRB, and recommend to the HoPE the award of contract to the said Consultant 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 Consultant's bid, in which event the BAC shall proceed to the next Highest Rated Bid with a fresh period to make a similar determination of that Consultant's capabilities to perform satisfactorily. If the second Consultant, however, fails the post qualification, the procedure for post qualification shall be repeated for the Consultant with the next Highest Rated Bid, and so on until the HRRB is determined for recommendation of contract award.
- 28.6 Within a period not exceeding fifteen (15) calendar days from the determination by the BAC of the JRRB and the recommendation to award the contract, the HoPE or his duly authorized representative 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 the Consultant in writing of such decision and the grounds for it. When applicable, the BAC shall conduct negotiations, and if successful, post-qualification of the Consultant with the next Highest Rated 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, short listing, or post-qualification of a Consultant, 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 Consultant, or that there has been a change in the Consultant's capability to undertake this 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 GoP 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 HoPE;
  - (ii) If the project is no longer necessary as determined by the HoPE; 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 there is no successful negotiation, or fail post-qualification; or
- (d) The bidder with the HRRB 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 HoPE or its authorized representative shall award the contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be the HRRB.
- 30.2 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the successful Consultant in writing that its bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award duly received by the Consultant or its authorized



representative personally or by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the Consultant with the HRRB 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 the (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award:
  - (i) Valid JVA, if applicable;
  - (ii) In the case of procurement by a Philippine Foreign Service Office or Post, the PhilGEPS Registration Number of the winning foreign consultant; and/or
  - (iii) SEC Certificate of Registration of the foreign consulting firm, and/or the authorization or license issued by the appropriate GoP professional regulatory body of the foreign professionals engaging in the practice of regulated professions and allied professions, where applicable.
- (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 and 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:
  - (1) Contract Agreement;
  - (2) Bidding Documents;

- (3) 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;
- (4) Performance Security;
- (5) Notice of Award of Contract; and
- (6) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or specified in the **BDS**.

## 32. Performance Security

- 32.1 Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**, to guarantee the faithful performance by the winning Consultant 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 the 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)
<p>(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank;</p> <p><i>For biddings conducted by the LGUs, the Cashier's/Manager's Check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i></p>	Five percent (5%)
<p>(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 Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank; and/or</p> <p><i>For biddings conducted by the LGUs, the Bank Draft/</i></p>	

<i>Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	
(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 Consultant 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 negotiation and if successful, complete post-qualification of the second Highest Rated Bid. The procedure shall be repeated until the HRRB is identified and selected for recommendation of contract award. However if no Consultant had a successful negotiation or 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**

- 33.1 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 together with copies of the approved contract to the successful Consultant. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Consultant.
- 33.2 The contract effectivity date shall be the date of contract signing. The Consultant shall commence performance of its obligations only upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

### **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 IRR of RA 9184.

## ***Section III. Bid Data Sheet***

### **Bid Data Sheet**

<b>ITB Clause</b>	
1.1	<p>The Procuring Entity is the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).</p> <p>The evaluation procedure is Quality Cost Based Evaluation (QCBE).</p>
1.2	<p>The Funding Source is:</p> <p>The Government of the Philippines (GOP) through the authorized appropriations under the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act in the amount of <b>Twenty Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P20,500,000.00).</b></p> <p>The name of the project is <b>"Consultancy Services for the Independent Functional and Technical Infrastructure Quality Assurance Services for the System Integration and Stabilization of the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)."</b></p>
1.3	<i>See attached Terms of Reference (TOR).</i>
1.4	The Terms of Reference (TOR) defines the Schedule of Requirements.
6.1	Subcontracting is not allowed.
7.1	The DBM will hold a Pre-bid Conference for this Project on February 24, 2020, 9:30 a.m., at the BAC Conference Room, DBM Building III, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila.
8.1	<p>The Procuring Entity's address is:</p> <p>Department of Budget and Management Bids and Awards Committee Ground Floor, DBM Building III General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila</p>
10.1(b)	Not applicable
10.1(c)	The Key Personnel must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the TOR.
11.5	Taxes: All proposals shall be inclusive of 12% Value-Added Tax and all other standard and applicable government taxes.

11.7	The ABC is <b>P20,500,000.00</b> . Any bid with a financial component exceeding this amount shall not be accepted.
13.1	The bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos.
13.3	No further instructions.
14.1	Bids will be valid until July 8, 2020.
15.1	<p>The bid security shall be limited to a Bid Securing Declaration or any of the following forms and amounts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The amount of not less than <b>P410,000.00 (2% of ABC)</b>, if bid security is in cash, cashier's/manager's check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit; or</li> <li>2. The amount of not less than <b>P1,025,000.00 (5% of ABC)</b>, if bid security is in Surety Bond.</li> </ol>
15.2	The bid security shall be valid until July 8, 2020.
15.5(b)(iii)	No further instructions.
17.1	No further instructions.
17.3	Each interested consultant shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of its technical and financial proposals.
18	<p>The address for submission of bids is:</p> <p>Department of Budget and Management Bids and Awards Committee Ground Floor, DBM Building III General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila</p> <p>The deadline for submission of bids is on March 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.</p>
21.2	<p>The address for submission of bids is:</p> <p>Department of Budget and Management Bids and Awards Committee Ground Floor, DBM Building III General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila</p> <p>The date and time for the opening of bids is on March 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.</p>
22.1	No further instructions.

25.1	<p>The following processes for the opening and evaluation of bids shall be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The technical proposal together with the financial proposal shall be considered in the ranking of consultants. The technical proposals shall be evaluated first using the criteria in ITB Clause 25.2. The financial proposals of the consultants who meet the minimum technical score shall then be opened.</li> <li>b) The financial and technical proposals shall be given 40% and 60% weights, respectively. The BAC shall rank the consultants in descending order based on the combined numerical ratings of their technical and financial proposals and identify the Highest Rated Bid.</li> <li>c) The HoPE shall approve or disapprove the recommendations of the BAC within two (2) calendar days after receipt of the results of the evaluation from the BAC.</li> <li>d) After approval by the HoPE of the Highest Rated Bid, the BAC shall, within three (3) calendar days, notify and invite the consultant with the Highest Rated Bid for negotiation in accordance with ITB Clause 27.</li> </ul>
25.3	<p>The numerical weight and the minimum required points for each criterion are, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of key personnel to be assigned to the project which covers suitability of key staff to perform the duties of the particular assignments and general qualifications and competence including education and training of the key staff (40 points);</li> <li>• Experience and capability of consultant which include records of previous engagement and quality of performance in similar and in other projects (30 points);</li> <li>• Plan of approach or methodology with emphasis on the clarity, feasibility, innovativeness and comprehensiveness of the support services that will be provided by the Consultant as listed in the Terms of Reference (30 points).</li> </ul> <p>The minimum points required to pass is 60 points/100 points.</p>

Technical Rating Criteria	
Criteria	SCORE
<b>I. Quality of key personnel to be assigned to the Project which covers suitability of key staff to perform the duties of the particular assignments and general qualifications and competence including education and training of the key staff</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>A. Education (Related field means course related to the Information Technology (IT) System)</b>	
<b>Project Manager</b>	
BA/BS in related field	
BA/BS in non-related field	
MA/MS/MBA in related field	
MA/MS in non-related field	
PhD in related field	
PhD in non-related field	
<b>Functional Testing Lead</b>	
BA/BS in related field	
BA/BS in non-related field	
MA/MS in related field	
MA/MS in non-related field	
PhD in related field	
PhD in non-related field	
<b>Technical Testing Lead</b>	
BA/BS in related field	
BA/BS in non-related field	
MA/MS in related field	
MA/MS in non-related field	
PhD in related field	
PhD in non-related field	
<b>Functional Tester 1</b>	
BA/BS in related field	
BA/BS in non-related field	
MA/MS in related field	
MA/MS in non-related field	
<b>Functional Tester 2</b>	
BA/BS in related field	
BA/BS in non-related field	
MA/MS in related field	
MA/MS in non-related field	

	<b>Functional Tester 3</b>	
	BA/BS in related field	
	BA/BS in non-related field	
	MA/MS in related field	
	MA/MS in non-related field	
	<b>Technical Tester 1 :</b>	
	BA/BS in related field	
	BA/BS in non-related field	
	MA/MS in related field	
	MA/MS in non-related field	
	<b>Technical Tester 2</b>	
	BA/BS in related field	
	BA/BS in non-related field	
	MA/MS in related field	
	MA/MS in non-related field	
	<b>B. Work Experience (related to the project)</b>	
	<b>Project Manager</b>	
	more than or equal to 10 years	
	7 years to less than 10 years	
	5 years to less than 7 years	
	2 years to less than 5 years	
	less than 2 years	
	<b>Functional Testing Lead</b>	
	more than or equal to 10 years	
	7 years to less than 10 years	
	5 years to less than 7 years	
	2 years to less than 5 years	
	less than 2 years	
	<b>Technical Testing Lead</b>	
	more than or equal to 10 years	
	7 years to less than 10 years	
	5 years to less than 7 years	
	2 years to less than 5 years	
	less than 2 years	
	<b>Functional Tester 1</b>	
	more than or equal to 6 years	
	3 year to less than 5 years	
	1 year to less than 3 years	
	less than 1 year	



	<b>Functional Tester 2</b>	
	more than or equal to 6 years	
	3 year to less than 5 years	
	1 year to less than 3 years	
	less than 1 year	
	<b>Functional Tester 3</b>	
	more than or equal to 6 years	
	3 year to less than 5 years	
	1 year to less than 3 years	
	less than 1 year	
	<b>Technical Tester 1</b>	
	more than or equal to 6 years	
	3 year to less than 5 years	
	1 year to less than 3 years	
	less than 1 year	
	<b>Technical Tester 2</b>	
	more than or equal to 6 years	
	3 year to less than 5 years	
	1 year to less than 3 years	
	less than 1 year	
	<b>C. Trainings attended (related to the scope of the project)</b>	
	<b>Project Manager</b>	
	more than or equal to 40 hours	
	36 hours to less than 40 hours	
	24 hours to less than 36 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Functional Testing Lead</b>	
	more than or equal to 36 hours	
	24 hours to less than 36 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Technical Testing Lead</b>	
	more than or equal to 36 hours	
	24 hours to less than 36 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Functional Tester 1</b>	
	more than or equal to 24 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	

	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Functional Tester 2</b>	
	more than or equal to 24 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Functional Tester 3</b>	
	more than or equal to 24 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Technical Tester 1</b>	
	more than or equal to 24 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>Technical Tester 2</b>	
	more than or equal to 24 hours	
	16 hours to less than 24 hours	
	less than 16 hours	
	<b>D. Certification</b>	
	<b>Project Manager</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Functional Testing Lead</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	

	<b>Technical Testing Lead</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Functional Tester 1</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Functional Tester 2</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Functional Tester 3</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	

	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Technical Tester 1</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>Technical Tester 2</b>	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	with licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non- related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + with relevant certifications in non-related field	
	no licensed profession (PRC/IBP) + no relevant certifications in non-related field	
	<b>II. Experience and capability of the Consultant which include records of previous engagement and quality of performance in similar and in other projects</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>A. Years in consulting</b>	
	more than 6 years	
	6 years	
	5 years	
	less than 5 years	
	<b>B. Previous engagements</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Successful experience in functional testing services for web-based mission-critical and complex application system software</b>	
	3 or more successfully completed projects with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	

	2 successfully completed projects with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	1 successfully completed project with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	no projects completed with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	<b>Successful experience in non-functional testing services for web-based mission-critical and complex application system software</b>	
	3 or more successfully completed projects with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	2 successfully completed projects with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	1 successfully completed project with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	no projects completed with a certificate of satisfactory completion or acceptance issued by the client or official receipt indicating full and final payment	
	<b>III. Plan of approach or methodology with emphasis on the clarity, feasibility, innovativeness and comprehensiveness of the support services that will be provided by the Consultant as listed in the Terms of Reference</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>A. Clarity (well-defined approach &amp; procedures)</b>	
	All portions of the approach and procedures are well-defined	
	Some portions in the approach and procedures are clear	
	Not clear/well-defined approach and procedures	
	<b>B. Feasibility (Realistic/ implementable/ measurable/practicable)</b>	
	All portions are realistic/implementable/measurable/practicable	
	Some portions are realistic/implementable/measurable/practicable	
	All portions are not realistic/implementable/measurable/practicable	
	<b>C. Comprehensiveness of the plan of approach (responsiveness to the engagement)</b>	
	All portions of the plan of approach is responsive to the engagement	

	Some portions of the plan of approach is responsive to the engagement	
	All portions of the plan of approach is not responsive to the engagement	
	<b>D. Well-structured action plan with definite timeline, detailed workplan and appropriate results indicator</b>	
	All portions of the action plan is well-structured with definite timeline, detailed workplan and appropriate results indicator	
	Some portions of the action plan is structured with definite timeline and/or detailed workplan and/or appropriate results indicator	
	No portion of the action plan is structured with no definite timeline, no detailed workplan, and no appropriate results indicator	
	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100</b>
26.1	<p>The opening of Financial Proposals shall be within three (3) days from notification of Consultant passing the minimum qualifying mark for technical proposals at the Department of Budget and Management, Bids and Awards Committee, Ground Floor, DBM Building III, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila.</p> <p>Financial Proposals shall be opened in the presence of Consultants, which may opt to send authorized representative/s.</p>	
26.2	<p>After the evaluation of quality is completed, the Procuring Entity shall notify those Consultants whose Bids did not meet the minimum qualifying mark or were considered non-responsive to the Bidding Documents and TOR, indicating that their Financial Proposals shall be returned unopened after completing the selection process. The Procuring Entity shall simultaneously notify the Consultants that have passed the minimum qualifying mark, indicating the date and time set for opening the Financial Proposals. The opening date shall be within three (3) days from notification date. The notification may be sent by registered letter, facsimile, or electronic mail.</p> <p>The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Consultants' representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Consultant, the quality scores, and the proposed prices shall be read aloud and recorded when the Financial Proposals are opened. The Procuring Entity shall prepare minutes of the public opening.</p> <p>The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, i.e., whether all the documents mentioned in ITB Clause 11 are present and all items of the corresponding Technical Proposals that are required to be priced are so priced. If not, the Procuring Entity shall reject the proposal. The BAC shall correct any computational errors. The Financial Proposal shall not exceed the ABC and shall be deemed to include the cost</p>	

	<p>of all taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws. The evaluation shall include all such taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws; where special tax privileges are granted to a particular class or nationality of Consultant by virtue of the GoP's international commitments, the amount of such tax privileges shall be included in the Financial Proposal for purposes of comparative evaluation of Bids.</p> <p>The lowest Financial Proposal (FI) shall be given a Financial Score (Sf) of 100 points. The Sf of other Financial Proposals shall be computed based on the formula indicated below:</p> $Sf = 100 \times FI/F$ <p>Where:</p> <p>Sf is the financial score of the Financial Proposal under consideration,</p> <p>FI is the lowest Financial Proposal, and</p> <p>F is the Financial Proposal under consideration.</p> <p>Using the formula <math>S = St \times T\% + Sf \times F\%</math>, the Bids shall then be ranked according to their combined St and Sf using the weights (St is the technical score of the Technical Proposal under consideration; T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; F = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; <math>T + F = 1</math>) indicated below:</p> <p>T 0.60; and</p> <p>F 0.40;</p> <p>provided that the total weights given to the Technical and Financial Proposals shall add up to 1.0.</p>
27.1	<p>The address for negotiations is</p> <p>Department of Budget and Management Bids and Awards Committee DBM Building III, Ground Floor General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila.</p>
28.2	<p>The following shall be submitted within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the Consultant of the notice that it submitted the Highest Rated Bid:</p> <p>Latest Income and Business Tax Returns, filed and paid through the Electronic Filing and Payments System (EFPS), consisting of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2018 Income Tax Return with proof of payment; and</li> <li>- VAT Returns (Form 2550M and 2550Q) or Percentage Tax</li> </ul>

	Returns (2551M) with proof of payment covering the months from August 2019 to January 2020.
31.4.6	No additional requirement.
32.1	No further instructions.



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## **1. Definitions**

1.1 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Philippines as they may be issued and enforced from time to time.
- (b) "Consultant" refers to the short-listed consultant with the HRRB determined by the Procuring Entity as such in accordance with the ITB.
- (c) "Consulting Services" refer to services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the Government of the Philippines (GoP) requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability and/or capacity of the Procuring Entity to undertake such as, but not limited to: (i) advisory and review services; (ii) pre-investment or feasibility studies; (iii) design; (iv) construction supervision; (v) management and related services; and (vi) other technical services or special studies.
- (d) "Contract" means the agreement signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and other sections of the Bidding Documents are attached.
- (e) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into full force and effect.
- (f) "Foreign Currency" means any currency other than the currency of the Philippines.
- (g) "Funding Source" means the entity indicated in the SCC.
- (h) "GCC" means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (i) "Government" means the Government of the Philippines (GoP).
- (j) "Local Currency" means the Philippine Peso (Php).
- (k) "Member," in case the Consultant is a Joint Venture (JV) of two (2) or more entities, means any of these entities; and "Members" means all these entities.
- (l) "Party" means the Procuring Entity or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.
- (m) "Personnel" means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Subconsultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof; "Foreign Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside the Government's country; "Local Personnel" means such persons who at

the time of being so hired had their domicile inside the Philippines; and  
"Key Personnel" means the Personnel referred to in GCC Clause 39.

- (n) "Procuring Entity" refers to any branch, constitutional commission or office, agency, department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the Government, including GOCC, GFI, SUC, LGU, and autonomous regional government procuring Goods, Consulting Services, and Infrastructure Projects.
- (o) "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented.
- (p) "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix I.
- (q) "Subconsultant" means any person or entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of GCC Clause 50.
- (r) "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Government, the Procuring Entity, the Consultant or a Subconsultant.

## **2. Headings**

The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

## **3. Location**

The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix I and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Philippines or elsewhere, as the Procuring Entity may approve.

## **4. Law Governing Contract and Services**

- 4.1 This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4.2 The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Subconsultant, as well as the Personnel of the Consultant and any Subconsultant, complies with the Applicable Law. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.
- 4.3 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased on a no loss-no gain basis, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in GCC Clause 52, provided that the cost is within the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC).

## **5. Language**

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.

## **6. Consultants and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**

6.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Subconsultant and any entity affiliated with such Subconsultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, or consulting services for any project resulting from or closely related to this Contract other than the Services and any continuation thereof provided there is no current or future conflict.

6.2 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Subconsultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

- (a) during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in the Government's country which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; and
- (b) after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC.

## **7. Authority of Member in Charge**

In case the Consultant is a JV, the Members hereby authorize the entity specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Procuring Entity under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Procuring Entity.

## **8. Resident Project Manager**

If required by the SCC, the Consultant shall ensure that at all times during the Consultant's performance of the Services in the Government's country, a resident project manager, acceptable to the Procuring Entity, shall take charge of the performance of such Services.

## **9. Entire Agreement**

This Contract, including the documents specified in Section 37.2.3 of the IRR of RA 9184, contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make any statement, representation, promise, or agreement not set forth herein of which the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for.

## **10. Modification**

Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, no modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification of the scope of the Services shall be allowed. Pursuant to GCC Clause 14 hereof, however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal for modification made by the other Party.

## **11. Relationship of Parties**

11.1 Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of employer and employee or of principal and agent as between the Procuring Entity and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of its Personnel and Subconsultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

11.2 The Consultant shall during the performance of the Services be an independent contractor, retaining complete control over its Personnel, conforming to all statutory requirements with respect to all its employees, and providing all appropriate employee benefits.

## **12. Authorized Representatives**

Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Procuring Entity or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

## **13. Good Faith**

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

## **14. Operation of the Contract**

The Parties recognize that it is impractical for this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of this Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them; and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties shall use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with GCC Clause 34 hereof.

## **15. Notices**

15.1 Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when received by the concerned party, either in person or through an authorized representative of

the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.

15.2 Notice shall be deemed to be effective as specified in the SCC.

15.3 A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC with respect to GCC Clause 15.2.

## **16. Warranty as to Eligibility**

16.1 The Consultant represents, warrants, and confirms that it, as well as its Subconsultant, if any, is eligible, *i.e.*, has the legal personality to act as a consultant in accordance with Part I, **Error! Reference source not found.** issued for this project.

16.2 The Consultant shall fulfill its obligations under this Contract by using knowledge according to the best accepted professional standards. The Consultant shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the discharge of duties agreed to be performed and shall work in the best interest of the GoP.

## **17. Confidentiality**

Except with the prior written consent of the Procuring Entity, the Consultant and the Personnel shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Personnel make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services. For purposes of this clause, "confidential information" means any information or knowledge acquired by the Consultant and/or its Personnel arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Services under this Contract that is not otherwise available to the public.

## **18. Payment**

18.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Procuring Entity shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such manner as is provided by GCC Clause 53 of this Contract. However, the Procuring Entity may refuse to make payments when the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactorily performed by the Consultant.

18.2 Subject to the ceilings specified in GCC Clause 52 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall pay to the Consultant: (i) remuneration as set forth in GCC Clause 53.2; and (ii) reimbursable expenditures as set forth in GCC Clause 53.4. Said remuneration shall not be subject to price adjustment.

18.3 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the SCC.



## **19. Currency of Payment**

Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, all payments shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

## **20. Liability of the Consultant**

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

## **21. Insurance to be Taken Out by the Consultant**

21.1 The Consultant, at its own cost, shall be responsible for taking out or maintaining any insurance policy against any risk related to the project.

21.2 The Procuring Entity undertakes no responsibility in respect of life, health, accident, travel or any other insurance coverage for the Personnel or for the dependents of any such Personnel.

## **22. Effectivity of Contract**

The contract effectivity date shall be the date of contract signing, provided that the effectiveness of the conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.

## **23. Commencement of Services**

The Consultant shall begin carrying out the Services starting from the effectivity date of this Contract, as mentioned in GCC Clause 22.

## **24. Expiration of Contract**

Unless sooner terminated pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period after the effectivity date as shall be specified in the SCC.

## **25. Force Majeure**

25.1 For purposes of this Contract the terms "force majeure" and "fortuitous event" may be used interchangeably. In this regard, a fortuitous event or force majeure shall be interpreted to mean an event which the Consultant could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Consultant.

25.2 The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of force majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and

reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

- 25.3 Unless otherwise agreed herein, force majeure shall not include:
- (a) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Subconsultants or agents or employees;
  - (b) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder;
  - (c) insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder; or
  - (d) the Procuring Entity's failure to review, approve or reject the outputs of the Consultant beyond a reasonable time period.
- 25.4 A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder immediately or within a reasonable time.
- 25.5 A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- 25.6 The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of force majeure.
- 25.7 Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a direct and proximate result of force majeure.
- 25.8 During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to continue receiving payment under the terms of this Contract as well as to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period, provided that such costs are still within the total contract price. However, the foregoing provision shall not apply if the Procuring Entity suspends or terminates this Contract in writing, notice thereof duly received by the Consultant, pursuant to GCC Clauses 26 and 27 hereof with the exception of the direct and proximate result of force majeure.
- 25.9 Not later than fifteen (15) days after the Consultant, as the direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, has become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures considering the circumstances.

- 25.10 In the case of disagreement between the parties as to the existence, or extent of force majeure, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with GCC Clause 34 hereof.

## **26. Suspension**

- 26.1 The Procuring Entity shall, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fail to perform any of their obligations due to their own fault or due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of either party (e.g. suspension of civil works being supervised by the consultant) under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension:

- (a) shall specify the nature of the failure; and
- (b) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

- 26.2 The Consultant may, without prejudice to its right to terminate this Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 28, by written notice of suspension, suspend the Services if the Procuring Entity fails to perform any of its obligations which are critical to the delivery of the Consultant's services such as, non-payment of any money due the Consultant within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **27. Termination by the Procuring Entity**

- 27.1 The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:

- (a) Outside of force majeure, the Consultant fails to deliver or perform the Outputs and Deliverables within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Consultant prior to the delay;
- (b) As a result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to deliver or perform a material portion of the Outputs and Deliverables for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the Consultant's receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased;
- (c) In whole or in part, at any time for its convenience, the HoPE may terminate the Contract for its convenience 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;
- (d) If the Consultant is declared bankrupt or insolvent as determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction; in which event,

termination will be without compensation to the Consultant, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Entity and/or the Consultant;

- (e) In case it is determined prima facie that the Consultant has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation, such as, but not limited to, the following: corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, and obstructive practices; drawing up or using forged documents; using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and any other act analogous to the foregoing. For purposes of this clause, corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, and obstructive practices shall have the same meaning as that provided in ITB Clause 3.1(a);
- (f) The Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to GCC Clause 15.2 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Procuring Entity may have subsequently approved in writing;
- (g) The Consultant's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof; or
- (h) The Consultant fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.

27.2 In case of termination, written notice shall be understood to mean fifteen (15) days for short term contracts, *i.e.*, four (4) months or less, and thirty (30) days for long term contracts.

## **28. Termination by the Consultant**

The Consultant must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate this Contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. This Contract is deemed terminated if no action has been taken by the Procuring Entity with regard to such written notice within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt thereof by the Procuring Entity. The Consultant may terminate this Contract through any of the following events:

- (a) The Procuring Entity is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within sixty (60) calendar days following its receipt of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach;
- (b) The Procuring Entity's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof
- (c) As the direct and proximate result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or

- (d) The Procuring Entity fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to GCC Clause 32 hereof within eighty four (84) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **29. Procedures for Termination of Contracts**

The following provisions shall govern the procedures for the termination of this Contract:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute ground(s) for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the Procuring Entity shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such ground(s) and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
- (b) Upon recommendation by the Procuring Entity, the HoPE shall terminate this Contract only by a written notice to the Consultant conveying such termination. The notice shall state:
  - (i) that the contract is being terminated for any of the ground(s) aforementioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the ground(s) constituting the same;
  - (ii) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
  - (iii) an instruction to the Consultant to show cause as to why the contract should not be terminated; and
  - (iv) special instructions of the Procuring Entity, if any.

The Notice to Terminate shall be accompanied by a copy of the Verified Report;

- (c) Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Consultant shall submit to the HoPE a verified position paper stating why this Contract should not be terminated. If the Consultant fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the HoPE shall issue an order terminating this Contract;
- (d) The Procuring Entity may, at anytime before receipt of the Consultant's verified position paper to withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain services subject of the notice had been completed or performed before the Consultant's receipt of the notice;
- (e) Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the HoPE shall decide whether or not to terminate this Contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Consultant of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, this Contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Consultant of the notice of decision. The termination shall only be based on the ground(s) stated in the Notice to Terminate; and

- (f) The HoPE may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist him in the discharge of this function. All decisions recommended by the CTCRC shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE.

### **30. Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by GCC Clauses 35 or 36 hereof.

### **31. Payment Upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (c) in the case of termination pursuant to GCC Clause 27(b) hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

### **32. Disputes about Events of Termination**

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in GCC Clause 27.1 or in GCC Clause 28 hereof has occurred, such Party may refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

### **33. Cessation of Rights and Obligations**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to GCC Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 24, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except:

- (a) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration;
- (b) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in GCC Clause 17 hereof; and
- (c) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in GCC Clauses 51(b) and 51(c) hereof, any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

#### **34. Dispute Settlement**

- 34.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Parties in connection with the implementation of this Contract, the Parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 34.2 Any and all disputes arising from the implementation of this Contract shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

#### **35. Documents Prepared by the Consultant and Software Developed to be the Property of the Procuring Entity**

- 35.1 All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software prepared by the Consultant for the Procuring Entity under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the Procuring Entity, and the Consultant shall, prior to termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Procuring Entity, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software. The plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software, including restrictions on future use of such documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.
- 35.2 All computer programs developed by the Consultant under this Contract shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Procuring Entity; provided, however, that the Consultant may use such programs for its own use with prior written approval of the Procuring Entity. If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of any such computer programs, the Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Entity's prior written approval to such agreements. In such cases, the Procuring Entity shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned.

#### **36. Equipment and Materials Furnished by the Procuring Entity**

Equipment and materials made available to the Consultant by the Procuring Entity, or purchased by the Consultant with funds provided by the Procuring Entity, shall be the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Procuring Entity an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the Procuring Entity's instructions. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Procuring Entity in writing, shall insure it at the expense of the Procuring Entity in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

#### **37. Services, Facilities and Property of the Procuring Entity**

The Procuring Entity shall make available to the Consultant and the Personnel, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property

described in Appendix V at the terms and in the manner specified in said appendix, provided that if such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when so specified, the Parties shall agree on:

- (a) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the Services;
- (b) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources; and
- (c) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to GCC Clause 52 hereinafter which should be within the agreed contract ceiling.

### **38. Consultant's Actions Requiring Procuring Entity's Prior Approval**

The Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Entity's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- (a) appointing such members of the Personnel as are listed in Appendix III merely by title but not by name;
- (b) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services, it being understood that:
  - (i) the selection of the Subconsultant and the terms and conditions of the subcontract shall have been approved in writing by the Procuring Entity prior to the execution of the subcontract; and
  - (ii) the Consultant shall remain fully liable for the performance of the Services by the Subconsultant and its Personnel pursuant to this Contract;
- (c) replacement, during the performance of the contract for any reason, of any Personnel as listed in Appendix III of this Contract requiring the Procuring Entity's prior approval; and
- (d) any other action that may be specified in the SCC.

### **39. Personnel**

- 39.1 The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel and Subconsultants as are required to carry out the Services.
- 39.2 The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Personnel are described in Appendix III.
- 39.3 The Key Personnel and Subconsultants listed by title as well as by name in Appendix III are hereby approved by the Procuring Entity. In respect of other Key Personnel which the Consultant proposes to use in the carrying out of the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity for review and



approval a copy of their biographical data and, in the case of Key Personnel to be assigned within the GoP, a copy of a satisfactory medical certificate attached as part of Appendix III. If the Procuring Entity does not object in writing; or if it objects in writing but fails to state the reasons for such objection, within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of receipt of such biographical data and, if applicable, such certificate, the Key Personnel concerned shall be deemed to have been approved by the Procuring Entity.

- 39.4 The Procuring Entity may request the Consultants to perform additional services not covered by the original scope of work but are determined by the Procuring Entity to be critical for the satisfactory completion of the Services, subject to GCC Clause 55.6.
- 39.5 No changes shall be made in the Key Personnel, except for justifiable reasons as may be determined by the Procuring Entity, as indicated in the SCC, and only upon prior approval of the Procuring Entity. If it becomes justifiable and necessary to replace any of the Personnel, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications. If the Consultant introduces changes in Key Personnel for reasons other than those mentioned in the SCC, the Consultant shall be liable for the imposition of damages as described in the SCC.
- 39.6 Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under GCC Clauses 39.5 and 39.7, the rate of remuneration applicable to such person as well as any reimbursable expenditures the Consultant may wish to claim as a result of such replacement, shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Procuring Entity. Except as the Procuring Entity may otherwise agree, the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and the remuneration to be paid for any of the Personnel provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Personnel replaced.
- 39.7 If the Procuring Entity finds that any of the Personnel has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action as defined in the Applicable Law, or has reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then the Consultant shall, at the Procuring Entity's written request specifying the grounds therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

#### **40. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.**

- 40.1 Working hours and holidays for Key Personnel are set forth in Appendix III. Any travel time prior to and after contract implementation shall not be considered as part of the working hours.
- 40.2 The Key Personnel shall not be entitled to claim payment for overtime work, sick leave, or vacation leave from the Procuring Entity since these items are already covered by the Consultant's remuneration. All leaves to be allowed to the Personnel are included in the staff-months of service set forth in Appendix

III. Taking of leave by any Personnel should not delay the progress and adequate supervision of the Services.

40.3 If required to comply with the provisions of GCC Clause 43.1 hereof, adjustments with respect to the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix III may be made by the Consultant by prior written notice to the Procuring Entity, provided that:

- (a) such adjustments shall not alter the originally estimated period of engagement of any individual by more than ten percent (10%); and
- (b) the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in GCC Clause 52.1 of this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Procuring Entity's prior written approval.

#### **41. Counterpart Personnel**

41.1 If so provided in Appendix III hereto, the Procuring Entity shall make available to the Consultant, as and when provided in such Appendix III, and free of charge, such Counterpart Personnel to be selected by the Procuring Entity, with the Consultant's advice, as shall be specified in such Appendix III. Counterpart Personnel shall work with the Consultant. If any member of the Counterpart Personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant which is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Procuring Entity shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

41.2 The responsibilities of the Counterpart Personnel shall be specified in Appendix III, attached hereto, and the Counterpart Personnel shall not perform any work beyond the said responsibilities.

41.3 If Counterpart Personnel are not provided by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant as and when specified in Appendix III, and or if the Counterpart Personnel lack the necessary training, experience or authority to effectively undertake their responsibilities, the Procuring Entity and the Consultant shall agree on how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to GCC Clause 52 hereof.

#### **42. Performance Security**

42.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, 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 Consultant shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the ITB Clause 32.2.

42.2 The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the Consultant is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

- 42.3 The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 42.4 The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Consultant after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance subject to the following conditions:
- (a) There are no pending claims against the Consultant or the surety company filed by the Procuring Entity;
  - (b) The Consultant has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
  - (c) Other terms specified in the SCC.
- 42.5 In case of a reduction of the contract value, 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.

#### **43. Standard of Performance**

- 43.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods.
- 43.2 The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Procuring Entity, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Procuring Entity's legitimate interests in any dealings with Subconsultants or third parties.
- 43.3 The Consultant shall furnish to the Procuring Entity such information related to the Services as the Procuring Entity may from time to time reasonably request.
- 43.4 The Consultant shall at all times cooperate and coordinate with the Procuring Entity with respect to the carrying out of its obligations under this Contract.

#### **44. Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.**

The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, subject to GCC Clause 45 hereof, the Consultant shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Subconsultants, as well as the Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

#### **45. Procurement by the Consultant**

If the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising or procuring goods, works or services, for the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall comply with any applicable procurement guidelines of the Funding Source, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Procuring Entity. Any discounts or advantages obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the benefit of the Procuring Entity.

#### **46. Specifications and Designs**

46.1 The Consultant shall prepare all specifications and designs using the metric system and shall embody the best design criteria applicable to Philippine conditions. The Consultant shall specify standards which are accepted and well-known among industrial nations.

46.2 The Consultant shall ensure that the specifications and designs and all documentation relating to procurement of goods and services for this Contract are prepared on an impartial basis so as to promote national and international competitive bidding.

#### **47. Reports**

The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity the reports, deliverables and documents in English, in the form, in the numbers, and within the time periods set forth in Appendix II.

#### **48. Assistance by the Procuring Entity on Government Requirements**

48.1 The Procuring Entity may assist the Consultant, Subconsultants, and Personnel in the payment of such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law by providing information on the preparation of necessary documents for payment thereof.

48.2 The Procuring Entity shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Government shall:

- (a) provide the Consultant, Subconsultants, and Personnel with work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant, Subconsultants, or Personnel to perform the Services;
- (b) arrange for the foreign Personnel and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents to be provided promptly with all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, and any other documents required for their stay in the Philippines for the duration of the Contract;
- (c) facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the necessary personal effects of the foreign Personnel and their eligible dependents;

- (d) issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services; and
- (e) grant to foreign Consultant, any foreign Subconsultant and the Personnel of either of them the privilege, pursuant to the Applicable Law, of bringing into the Government's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the foreign Personnel and their dependents.

#### **49. Access to Land**

The Procuring Entity warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to all lands in the Philippines in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Procuring Entity shall be responsible for any damage to such land or any property thereon resulting from such access and shall indemnify the Consultant and each of the Personnel in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the default or negligence of the Consultant or any Subconsultant or the Personnel of either of them.

#### **50. Subcontract**

- 50.1 Subcontracting of any portion of the Consulting Services, if allowed in the BDS, does not relieve the Consultant of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Consultant will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subconsultant, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Consultant's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.
- 50.2 Subconsultants disclosed and identified during the bidding may be changed during the implementation of this Contract, subject to compliance with the required qualifications and the approval of the Procuring Entity.

#### **51. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing**

##### **51.1 The Consultant shall:**

- (a) keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services hereunder, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such form and detail as shall clearly identify all relevant time charges and costs, and the bases thereof;
- (b) permit the Procuring Entity or its designated representative and or the designated representative of the Funding Source at least once for short-term Contracts, and annually in the case of long-term Contracts, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Contract, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Procuring Entity; and

- (c) permit the Funding Source to inspect the Consultant's accounts and records relating to the performance of the Consultant and to have them audited by auditors approved by the Funding Source, if so required.

51.2 The basic purpose of this audit is to verify payments under this Contract and, in this process, to also verify representations made by the Consultant in relation to this Contract. The Consultant shall cooperate with and assist the Procuring Entity and its authorized representatives in making such audit. In the event the audit discloses that the Consultant has overcharged the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall immediately reimburse the Procuring Entity an amount equivalent to the amount overpaid. If overpayment is a result of the Consultant having been engaged in what the Procuring Entity (or, as the case may be, the Funding Source) determines to constitute corrupt, fraudulent, or coercive practices, as defined in GCC Clause 27(e) and under the Applicable Law, the Procuring Entity shall, unless the Procuring Entity decides otherwise, terminate this Contract.

51.3 The determination that the Consultant has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive practices shall result in the Procuring Entity and/or the Funding Source seeking the imposition of the maximum administrative, civil and criminal penalties up to and including imprisonment.

## **52. Contract Cost**

52.1 Except as may be otherwise agreed under GCC Clause 10, payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceiling specified in the SCC. The Consultant shall notify the Procuring Entity as soon as cumulative charges incurred for the Services have reached eighty percent (80%) of this ceiling.

52.2 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the cost of the Services shall be payable in Philippine Pesos and shall be set forth in the Appendix IV attached to this Contract.

## **53. Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditures**

53.1 Payments of Services do not relieve the Consultant of any obligation hereunder.

53.2 Remuneration for the Personnel shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by such Personnel in the performance of the Services including other additional factors indicated in the SCC after the date determined in accordance with GCC Clause 22, or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing, including time for necessary travel via the most direct route, at the rates referred to, and subject to such additional provisions as are set forth, in the SCC.

53.3 Remuneration for periods of less than one month shall be calculated on an hourly basis for time spent in home office (the total of 176 hours per month shall apply) and on a calendar-day basis for time spent away from home office (1 day being equivalent to 1/30th of a month).

- 53.4 Reimbursable expenditures actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultants in the performance of the Services are provided in the SCC.
- 53.5 Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:
- (a) The Procuring Entity shall cause to be paid to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the SCC, and as otherwise set forth below. The advance payment shall be due after the Consultant provides an irrevocable standby letter of credit in favor of the Procuring Entity issued by an entity acceptable to the Procuring Entity in accordance with the requirements provided in the SCC.
  - (b) As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity, in duplicate, itemized statements, accompanied by copies of receipted invoices, vouchers and other appropriate supporting materials, of the amounts payable pursuant to GCC Clauses 52.1 and 53 for such month. Separate monthly statements shall be submitted in respect of amounts payable in foreign currency and in local currency. Each separate monthly statement shall distinguish that portion of the total eligible costs which pertains to remuneration from that portion which pertains to reimbursable expenditures.
  - (c) The Procuring Entity shall cause the payment of the Consultant's monthly statements within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Procuring Entity of such statements with supporting documents. Only such portion of a monthly statement that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Procuring Entity may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments. Interest shall be paid for delayed payments following the rate provided in the SCC.

#### **54. Final Payment**

- 54.1 The final payment shall be made only after the final report and a final statement, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Procuring Entity. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Procuring Entity and the final report and final statement shall be deemed approved by the Procuring Entity as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final statement by the Procuring Entity; unless the Procuring Entity, within such ninety (90)-day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final statement. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections within a maximum period of ninety (90) calendar days, and upon completion of such corrections, the foregoing process shall be repeated.
- 54.2 Any amount which the Procuring Entity has paid or caused to be paid in accordance with this clause in excess of the amounts actually payable in

accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Procuring Entity for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Procuring Entity of a final report and a final statement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with the above.

## **55. Lump Sum Contracts**

- 55.1 For Lump Sum Contracts when applicable, notwithstanding the terms of GCC Clauses 10, 18.1, 31(c), 41.3, 53.2, 53.3, 53.4, 53.5, and 54.1, the provisions contained hereunder shall apply.
- 55.2 Personnel - Any replacement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with ITB Clause 27.3 shall be provided by the Consultant at no additional cost.
- 55.3 Staffing Schedule - Should the rate of progress of the Services, or any part hereof, be at any time in the opinion of the Procuring Entity too slow to ensure that the Services are completed in accordance with the Staffing Schedule, the Procuring Entity shall so notify the Consultant in writing and the Consultant shall at its sole cost and expense, thereupon take such steps as necessary, subject to the Procuring Entity's approval, or as reasonably required by the Procuring Entity, to expedite progress so as to ensure that the Services are completed in accordance with the Staffing Schedule.
- 55.4 Final payment pursuant to the Payment Schedule in Appendices IV and V shall be made by the Procuring Entity after the final report has been submitted by the Consultant and approved by the Procuring Entity.
- 55.5 Termination - Upon the receipt or giving of any notice referred to in GCC Clause 29 and if the Consultant is not in default under this Contract and has partly or substantially performed its obligation under this Contract up to the date of termination and has taken immediate steps to bring the Services to a close in prompt and orderly manner, there shall be an equitable reduction in the maximum amount payable under this Contract to reflect the reduction in the Services, provided that in no event shall the Consultant receive less than his actual costs up to the effective date of the termination, plus a reasonable allowance for overhead and profit.
- 55.6 Unless otherwise provided in the SCC, no additional payment for variation order, if any, shall be allowed for this Contract.

## **56. Liquidated Damages for Delay**

If the Consultant fails to deliver any or all of the Services within the period(s) specified in this Contract, the Procuring Entity shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under this Contract and under the Applicable Law, deduct from the contract price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to one-tenth of one percent of the price of the unperformed portion of the Services for each day of delay based on the approved contract schedule up to a maximum deduction of ten percent (10%) of the



contract price. Once the maximum is reached, the Procuring Entity may consider termination of this Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 27.

## ***Section V. Special Conditions of Contract***

GCC Clause	
1.1(b)	Name of Consultant: _____
1.1(g)	<p>The Funding Source is:</p> <p>The Government of the Philippines (GOP) through the authorized appropriations under the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act in the amount of <b>Twenty Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P20,500,000.00)</b>.</p>
6.2(b)	<p>For a period of two years after the expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Personnel not to engage, in the activity of a purchaser (directly or indirectly) of the assets on which it advised the Procuring Entity under this Contract nor in the activity of an adviser (directly or indirectly) of potential purchasers of such assets. The Consultant also agrees that its affiliates shall be disqualified for the same period of time from engaging in the said activities.</p>
7	Not applicable
8	The person designated as resident project manager in Appendix III shall serve in that capacity, as specified in GCC Clause 8.
10	No further instructions.
12	<p>The Authorized Representatives are as follows:</p> <p>For the Procuring Entity:</p> <p><b>Andrea Celene M. Magtalas</b>  <i>Director IV</i>            Information and Communications Technology Systems Service            3/F, Building II, Gen. Solano St., San Miguel, Manila            (02) 657-3300 local 2356</p> <p>For the Consultant: _____</p>

15.1	<p>The address:</p> <p>Procuring Entity: <b>Department of Budget and Management</b></p> <p>Attention:</p> <p><b>Andrea Celene M. Magtalas</b>  <i>Director IV</i>  <b>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY  SYSTEMS SERVICE</b>  3/F, Building II, Gen. Solano St., San Miguel, Manila  (02) 8657-3300 local 2356  Email: amagtalas@dbm.gov.ph</p> <p>Consultants: <i>[insert name of the Consultant]</i></p> <p>Attention: <i>[insert name of the Consultant's authorized representative]</i></p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p>
15.2	<p>Notice shall be deemed to be effective as follows:</p> <p>(a) in the case of personal delivery, private courier or registered mail, on delivery;</p> <p>(b) in the case of email or facsimiles, within one (1) working day following confirmed transmission.</p>
18.3	<p><i>Consultant Bank Account:</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Details of account to be filled out by winning consultant prior to contract signing.</i></p>
19	<p>No further instructions.</p>

20	<p>All partners to the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity.</p> <p>Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Procuring Entity are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Except in case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity's property, shall not be liable to the Procuring Entity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and</li> <li>(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (A) the total payments for professional fees and reimbursable expenditures made or expected to be made to the Consultants hereunder, or (B) the proceeds the Consultants may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultants to cover such a liability, whichever of (A) or (B) is higher.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) This limitation of liability shall not affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to third parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services.</li> </ul>
22	No further instruction
24	No further instruction.
34.2	Any and all disputes arising from the implementation of this contract shall be submitted to arbitration in the Philippines according to the provisions of Republic Acts 876 and 9285, as required in Section 59 of the IRR of RA 9184.
35.1	All drawings, specifications, designs, source codes, reports, other documents, hardware, and software licenses, prepared and acquired by the Consultant for the Procuring Entity under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the Procuring Entity and the End-User.

38.1(d)	<p>The Consultant's actions requiring the Procuring Entity's prior approval are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change in the plan of approach and methodology</li> <li>2. Change of joint venture partner, service providers, and third party providers, if applicable</li> <li>3. Change of its Key Personnel and Support Staff</li> </ol>
39.5	<p>The Consultant may change its Key Personnel and Support Staff only for reasons of death, serious illness, incapacity of an individual Consultant, or until after fifty percent (50%) of the Personnel's man-months have been served.</p> <p>Violators will be fined an amount equal to the refund of the replaced Personnel's basic rate, which should be at least fifty percent (50%) of the total basic rate for the duration of the engagement.</p>
42.1	No further instructions.
42.4(c)	The final reports, documents and other requirements as specified in the Terms of Reference have been submitted.
52.1	The total ceiling amount in Philippine Pesos is <b>P20,500,000.00</b> .
52.2	No further instructions.
53.2	No additional instructions.
53.4	Contract price shall be inclusive of Remunerations and Reimbursables
53.5(a)	No advance payment is allowed.
(c)	The interest rate is zero.
55.6	No further instructions.

## ***Section VI. Terms of Reference***

### ***1. Background***

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has been actively pursuing the establishment of a strong Public Financial Management (PFM) system to strengthen public administration and service delivery to achieve the development goals of the nation.

The creation of an integrated financial management and reporting system (Budget and Treasury Management System - BTMS) for the oversight agencies is a key component in the PFM reform agenda. The conceptual design of BTMS was prepared in 2012 and approved by the GOP in 2013. Its detailed functional requirements, technical requirements and bidding documents were prepared in 2013-2014 and approved in 2015.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), via the Procurement Service finalized the procurement process for the BTMS and the contract was awarded on November 2015 to the Joint Venture of Innove Communications, Inc. and FreeBalance, Inc., referred in this document as the Joint Venture (JV) Partner. The project with the JV Partner commenced in December 2015. The table below presents the updated overall schedule of the BTMS implementation:

Table 1: BTMS Implementation Schedule for the JV Partner

S.N	Activity	Timelines
1.	Contract Award	Nov 2015
2.	Go-Live for BTMS Phase I – Web Portal	Jan 2017
3.	Go-Live for BTMS Phase II – Budget Execution	Apr 2017
4.	Go-Live for BTMS Phase III – Treasury and Cash Management	Aug 2017
5.	Go-live for BTMS Phase IV – Budget Management	Jul 2018
6.	Go-Live for BTMS Phase V – Complete and Integrated Solution	Jan 2018
7.	System Stabilization	Jul 2018 – Dec 2018
8.	Operations and Maintenance Support	Jan 2017 – Jun 2019

BTMS implementation covers significant portion of PFM operations being carried out by the oversight and spending agencies including system interfaces with several external systems (e.g., Budget Preparation Management System, Unified Reporting System and several banks' application). Currently, the system is rolled-out to DBM as a spending agency and to BTr as a spending and oversight agency. Eventually, it shall be rolled-out to all National Government Agencies (NGAs), with an approximate user base of 25,000 users and handle the execution of over three trillion Pesos of National Budget.

Primarily designed to be a COTS (Commercial off the Shelf) solution based on FreeBalance's Accountability Suite, the BTMS was configured and customized to follow national government laws, procedures, monitoring, and reporting requirements. At the moment, interfaces to external application or manual procedures are limited to user-initiated data transfer using the included JV's file transfer and formatting utility. Customization also

currently concentrates on report generation either by direct coding (Java) or using the JV's report-writer utility. Although the implementation as much as possible adheres to the 'no-code' configuration this does not preclude more complex API or internal-coding customization in the next BTMS phases.

The scope of work for the JV Partner includes the following:

Table 2: BTMS Scope of Work for the JV Partner

<b>Scope of Work for JV Partner</b>		<b>Coverage</b>
<b>1. BTMS Implementation Requirements</b>	<b>a.</b>	<b>Design and Implementation of Application and System Software</b>
	<b>b.</b>	<b>Implementation of IT Infrastructure</b>
	<b>c.</b>	<b>Capacity Building, Change Management and Communications Services</b>
	<b>d.</b>	<b>Data Migration</b>
<b>2. BTMS Support Services Requirements</b>	<b>a.</b>	<b>Establishment and management of Helpdesk Operations</b>
	<b>b.</b>	<b>Warranty and Maintenance Support of Application and System Software</b>
	<b>c.</b>	<b>Warranty, Operations and Maintenance Support for IT Infrastructure</b>

The DBM, with its internal budgetary support, created a Project Management Office (PMO) to coordinate, monitor and manage the BTMS implementation with the chosen JV.

However, to ensure quality, the system, its architecture and interfaces must be subjected to an independent testing and quality assurance (QA). The PMO-DBM is seeking to engage a consultant to act as the project's Quality Assurance Partner (QAP) to provide primary support in the functional and technical testing and QA of the BTMS.

## 2. Objectives

The independent QA functional and technical quality assurance project aims to ensure that:

1. The BTMS will function as per specification : Terms of Reference (TOR) and JV's system documentation;
2. That the infrastructure and operational procedure of the system will behave as per specification, agreed upon service level agreement (SLA), and should be secure and scalable; and
3. That the practice of ensuring the quality of program delivery can be sustained by DBM.

### *3. Scope and Coverage*

Aside from the inception phase there are three critical phases of the project namely:

- the functional testing of the BTMS,
- the technical testing of the system and its infrastructure,
- and the QA transitioning which constitute a) the continuous functional and technical testing of BTMS during its agency roll-out and maintenance phase and b) the on the job training of DBM QA trainees.

The QAP shall ensure the completion objectives and deliverables of the project and all its phases.

#### *a. Inception phase*

The QAP shall prepare an Inception Report. The Inception Report shall present both

- a project plan containing sufficient details on work breakdown structure, sequencing and time frame for every activity, assumptions, dependencies, the critical path, the project management tool to be used, and the proposed reporting mechanism, risk, and change management procedures; and
- a comprehensive test plan that will describe the over-all strategy for a multi-stage evaluation, testing methodology, coverage, tools to be used, over-all test criteria, roles, schedule, expected quality outcome based on observable metrics, test environment configurations, and other macro assumptions that may affect the reliability, traceability, and performance of the BTMS. The plan must include the proposed staffing plan including numbers, roles, and responsibilities of team members from the QAP and their DBM counterpart or dependencies, and target testing schedule; the comprehensive test plan shall dictate the manner on how to conduct the subsequent functional and technical quality assurance phases and thus have to be approved by DBM.

#### *b. Functional testing*

The Functional Testing of BTMS will be a comprehensive and integrated testing of all functionality of BTMS covering the scope of all Phases, from Phase I to Phase V, including data migration and interfaces with external systems, and all configurations and customizations done on the core Accountability Suite.

Data structures, users and operations manual, architecture design, and similar system documentation (Annex D) will be provided by the JV but no program codes will be available.

A structured or modular testing corresponding to the different phases of the BTMS (Annex B) is preferred to ensure completion and traceability of test results. Each phase will have its own phase test plan submitted and to be approved by DBM. This phase test plan shall follow and detail the implementation of the approved project comprehensive test plan and shall cover the following:



- Functional coverage of the phase including external and in-between phase interfaces , the acceptance criteria for the phase, staffing and roles, scheduling and other resource requirements not specified in the comprehensive test plan.
- Identification of test scenarios, development of test cases, test scripts, and the proposed quality, quantity, and availability of the test data to be used. Test cases will be based on the different use case scenarios thus, will validate target or good (sunny sky) scenario, negative, extension, and alternative cases.

However in accordance with the application being an integrated system, the end-to-end use cases (business processes) will not be limited to module boundaries but will focus on the measurable, verifiable, or tangible manifestations such as indicative report of the completed value process; individual or detailed test cases attributed to specific module can be re-used, extended, or included in other module or phase testing.

Upon approval of the phase test plan, the QAP can proceed with the two-stage testing with the assistance from the identified DBM personnel. The first stage is a complete functional pass of the phase covering all scenarios. The first-stage test result including recommendation will be submitted to PMO-DBM for resolution of defects. The second-stage testing is a second-pass regression testing with the test result and final phase recommendation again to be submitted to PMO-DBM. The schedule of the first and second pass shall be included in the proposed phase test plans.

The test result and recommendation will be presented during the weekly status reporting of the functional testing including list of completed test cases for execution, defects identified during testing, updated defect log, target coverage for next week, and if any, dependencies and/or assumptions that will hinder the test activity for succeeding week.

The phase V (integration) testing will include a complete end-to-end regression of the BTMS business processes from budget preparation data loading to the generation of ending and starting financial balance of the government of the Philippines. Financial and accountability reports must accurately reflect all budget execution transactions, cash management, and status of budget controls.

The functional testing will be conducted off-site. Should the QAP require the assistance of identified DBM personnel or need to conduct testing within the DBM office, this can be scheduled based on the test plan.

### *c. Technical testing*

The technical testing of BTMS Application and its underlying IT Infrastructure:

- shall benchmark the system against technical specification and SLA;
- shall identify optimum capacity and threshold limits ;
- shall test high availability and capability to recover against system failure or unscheduled shutdown;

- shall determine how the infrastructure shall scale as system load (data, transactions, user logins, connectivity and bandwidth requirements) increases from optimum capacity to stress conditions (for all authorized transactions, see security test below);
- shall determine security exposure or vulnerability from both malicious attacks or benign intrusions (penetration test: application, network, and database) including server-client authenticity failure, virus and malware attacks, denial of service penetration, data confidentiality exposure, and other data or application tampering intents; security load test will differentiate unauthorized intrusions from valid logins;
- shall indicate the maintainability of the architecture such as recovery period from complete or partial shutdown, forward or backward recovery capability, transfer from primary to secondary servers and other appliances, application upgrade promotion, etc.

The performance testing of the BTMS will be conducted under production and maximum condition: will be performed on the actual architectural environment.

Testing has to be scheduled during after office or holiday hours and the backup and recovery procedure tested and approved by PMO prior to the commencement of the technical test.

The technical Testing phase shall provide the following:

1. Development of the phase's test strategy and test plan to include coverage, criteria, DBM personnel assistance, backup and recovery procedure, detailed schedule, and other specificity not covered in the comprehensive plan;
2. Identification of test scenarios and development of test cases for the performance testing of the BTMS based on the requirements specifications, SLA, and other metrics to ensure scalability, high availability, and safe and secure environment and connectivity;
3. Submit the phase test plan for approval to PMO-DBM;
4. Conduct actual testing with the identified DBM personnel
5. Report the test result, defects found, vulnerability, and to present recommendation to PMO-DBM;
6. Conduct a second-pass for regression testing concluding in the final test result and recommendation submission.

The Weekly status reporting should highlight testing cases covered, defects found, dependencies, and target completion. It must also include an up to date log of outstanding and resolved defect plus the updated project and test schedule.

The QAP may also be consulted by PMO in the resolution of failures, identification of fault conditions, risk evolution, and the corresponding procedure to avoid or mitigate the occurrence of these fault conditions.

#### *d. Transitioning*

After the completion of the functional and technical testing, the BTMS will still evolve as it is being enhanced by actual government budgeting practices, new policies, and audit regulations, or technology and application upgrades. To ensure continuous quality delivery, DBM will both:

- Engage the services of the QAP for a continuous QA testing of the BTMS for one-year; and
- Identify DBM personnel that will be trained by the QAP specialists in their testing methodology, use of testing tools, and QA processes in general.

This six-month transition period will cover:

- Functional and technical testing of any additional enhancement if any, subject to the same criteria and methodology exhibited in the previous phases;
- A two-month on the job training of the DBM QA team ;
- Recommendation to purchase or transfer license of the appropriate QA tool/s and any hardware upgrade if merited.

For the task, the QAP team will report directly to the DBM project manager for the duration of the transition phase of the project.

Consequently, DBM shall identify similar complementary QA trainees: BTMS module specialists and technical/infrastructure expert.

The DBM trainees will be expected to report, train, and assist the QAP team on their place of work. However DBM shall provide for the trainee transportation, equipment, license, and other logistical need.

Aside from the weekly status report, the QAP team lead will submit a training plan that includes the scope and coverage of training, tools to use, training materials, qualifications of the target participants, and proposed training duration and schedule, and certification requirements if any.

### *e. Final Report*

The QAP shall prepare a Final Assessment Report. The Final Assessment Report shall include the:

- Summary of all the quality assurance results and recommendation on each phases;
- overall assessment the functional and technical aspects of the system.

#### 4. Implementation Schedule and QAP Deliverables

The table below presents the scope of services for the Quality Assurance Partner (QAP) and recommended schedule subject to the delivery of the appropriate BTMS modules by the JV.

Table 3: Implementation Schedule and QAP Deliverable

S.N	Phase	Sub-Phase/ Corresponding BTMS Phase	Purpose	Deliverable	Timelines (Month base 1)
1.	Inception		Set an agreement on how to conduct the functional and technical testing of the BTMS.	1. Inception Report 2. Project Plan 3. Comprehensive test plan	Month1
2.	Functional Testing of BTMS		Verify correctness, completeness, reliability, and efficiency of BTMS based on specifications and SLA.	Phase test plan	M2-M6
	Phase I		Verify portal functionality and interfaces	1. Weekly status report 2. Test result 3. Recommendation	M2
	Phase II		Verify Budget Execution and interfaces	1. Weekly status report 2. Test result 3. Recommendation	M2-M4
	Phase III		Verify Treasury and Management modules	1. Weekly status report	M3

S.N	Phase	Sub-Phase/ Corresponding BTMS Phase	Purpose	Deliverable	Timelines (Month base 1)
			interfaces	2. Test result 3. Recommendation	
		Phase IV	Verify Budget Management and interfaces	1. Weekly status report 2. Test result 3. Recommendation	M4
		Phase V	Regression test of all phases plus Financial and Accountability reports	1. Weekly status report 2. Final Test result 3. Final Recommendation	M4-M6
3.	Technical Testing of BTMS		Conduct testing on the BTMS and its infrastructure to ensure the objective and scope of the technical test will be covered and achieved.	1. Phase test plan 2. Backup and recovery test result 3. Test result 4. Recommendation 5. Weekly status report	M2-M6
4.	Transition		Develop DBM QA process capability.	1. Training plan 2. Training result 3. Test result 4. Recommendation 5. Weekly status	M5-M10

S.N	Phase	Sub-Phase/ Corresponding BTMS Phase	Purpose	Deliverable	Timelines (Month base 1)
				report.	
				6. Verification and validation report on system issues	
5.	Final Report		Provide overall assessment of the system	1. Final Assessment Report	M10

## 5. Payment Schedule

The table below details the proposed payment schedule for the Testing Services to be provided by the QAP during the project lifecycle.

The % of Payment indicated in the table below is the % of the total cost quoted towards the assignment.

For receiving the payment associated with each payment milestone indicated in the table below, the QAP shall complete all the activities and shall submit all associated deliverables for respective payment milestone (as detailed in Section 3) including other activities and deliverables due till such payment milestone.

All deliverables submitted by the QAP are subject to approval and sign-off by DBM.

Table 4: Payment Schedule for the Testing Services

Payment Milestone	Milestone	Timelines for completion	% of payment
1	Inception Report	Month2	13%
2	Functional Testing		
	Phase I Final QA report	M3	3%
	Phase II Final QA report	M5	13%
	Phase III Final QA report	M4	7%
	Phase IV Final QA report	M5	5%
	Phase V Final QA report	M7	11%
3	Technical Test report	M7	11%
4	Continuous BTMS testing	M5 – M10	5% per month
	Training result and recommendation	M10	3%
5	Final Assessment Report	M10	4%

## 6. Reporting Arrangements

The Quality Assurance Partner will functionally report to DBM through the designated BTMS Project Manager and will work closely with the PMO.

The QAP will be required to prepare the following reports:

- Inception Report, to be submitted four (4) weeks after project awarding
- Specific Testing QA Reports
- Training plan and results
- Weekly project status report conforming to the objective of each project phase or sub-phase.

## ***7. DBM Responsibilities***

DBM will provide necessary assistance to the QAP in carrying out his/her activities:

- DBM would ensure availability of identified personnel based on role requirement and agreed schedule
- DBM shall allow appropriate system and data access subject to security and confidentiality restrictions
- DBM shall assist in the installation of the approved functional test environment or any accredited utilities or tools needed for the vendor to fulfill its purpose.

The QAP will identify and report defects and is expected to provide recommendation but DBM shall conduct and implement all resolutions.

## ***8. Confidentiality***

The QAP team will have to sign a non-disclosure agreement before commencement of the project.

## ***9. Duration***

The project duration will be ten (10) months, or the time necessary to obtain sign-off for all submitted outputs as per Section 4, whichever comes later.

## ***10. Resource Requirements***

The QAP shall be responsible for all logistical, transportation and accommodation requirements of its experts to carry out the assignment, including office space in Metro Manila, access to



internet, email, computer network and telephones, laptop/PC/server computers, printers, photocopiers and scanners, functional and technical quality assurance software, tools, machine, products, platforms, frameworks and respective software licenses necessary for the successful implementation of the assignment.

When required by DBM, the QAP shall deploy its experts to work with the PMO in the BTMS project premises or at any site within the Philippines suited to conduct the functional and technical tests.

Regular weekly meetings, between the PMO and the QAP, for planning and progress monitoring shall be primarily conducted at the BTMS project premises at DBM Central Office or BTr Central Office.

During the Testing phase, the QAP team shall dedicate a of minimum of eight (8) personnel composed of:

- One (1) Resident Project Manager
- One (1) Functional Team Lead
- One (1) Technical Team Lead
- Three (3) Functional Tester
- Two (2) Technical Tester

For the transition phase, the QAP will dedicate a five-person team composed of a leader, a technical tester and three functional tester each specializing in the BTMS's module namely Budget execution, Treasury and Cash Management, and Budget Management."

## ***11. Qualifications of the Quality Assurance Provider***

The successful QAP will be a local company with the following criteria and performance dimensions:

- The consultant must be specialized in Information Systems and Information and Communication Technology (IS & ICT) with proven competence in quality assurance; functional and technical testing.
- Five (5) years working experience in conducting functional and technical tests with previous experience in testing web-based mission-critical information systems, experience in government application systems is an advantage.

## *12. Annexes*

<b>Annex</b>	<b>Description</b>
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## *Annex 1 – List of Acronyms*

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Description</b>
ACH	Automated Clearing House
BED	Budget Execution Document
BFAR	Budget and Financial Accountability Report
BIR	Bureau of Internal Revenue
BOC	Bureau of Customs
BPMS	Budget Preparation Management System
BTMS	Budget and Treasury Management System
BTr	Bureau of Treasury
COTS	Commercial Off-The-Shelf
DBM	Department of Budget and Management
DC	Data Center
DICT	Department of Information and Communication Technology
DMFAS	Debt Management and Financial Analysis System
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone
DR	Disaster Recovery
EDMS	Electronic Document Management System
EFT	Electronic Fund Transfer
EMS	Enterprise Management System
FRS	Functional Requirements Specification
GAA	General Appropriations Act

GAM	Government Accounting Manual
GOP	Government of the Philippines
GRN	Goods Received Note
GRP	Government Resource Planning
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ID	Identification
IE	Internet Explorer
IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
IS	Information System
IT	Information Technology
JV	Joint Venture
LAN	Local Area Network
MCOMS	Monthly Cost of Operations and Maintenance Support
MDP	Monthly Disbursement Program
NG	National Government
NGA	National Government Agency
NGCS	National Government Collections System
NPBH	Non-Peak Business Hours
nROSS	Registry of Scriptless Securities System
PBH	Peak Business Hours
PFM	Public Financial Management
PhilGEPS	Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System
PMO	Project Management Office
PO	Purchase Order

PPE	Property, Plant and Equipment
PPSAS	Philippine Public Sector Accounting Standards
PS	Procurement Service
QAP	Quality Assurance Partner
RDBMS	Relational Data Base Management System
RPO	Recovery Point Objective
RTO	Recovery Time Objective
SAN	Storage Area Network
SIEM	Security Information Event Management
SLA	Service Level Agreement
TOR	Terms of Reference
TRS	Technical Requirements Specifications
TSA	Treasury Single Account
UACS	Unified Accounts Code Structure
URS	Unified Reporting System

## *Annex 2 – BTMS Overview, Phases, Functional Modules and Interfaces*

BTMS is a modern, integrated, web-based management information system that supports crucial public financial management functions.

### *Purpose*

BTMS is a key technical component of the Philippines' overall PFM Reform Roadmap to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of government operations. It sustains and builds on the gains of recent PFM initiatives in improving treasury cash management operations through the Treasury Single Account (TSA), in harmonizing accounting, treasury and budget reporting classifications via the implementation of a Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS).

With prerequisite reforms in place, government can now build an integrated and web-based management information system to support functions such as the Budget Management, Commitments Management, Payments Management, Receipts Management, Cash Management, Property, Plant and Equipment Management (PPE), Accounting and Fiscal Reporting. By linking the financial processes of DBM and BTr, BTMS cuts down on the effort and resources necessary to manage public funds.

### *Benefits*

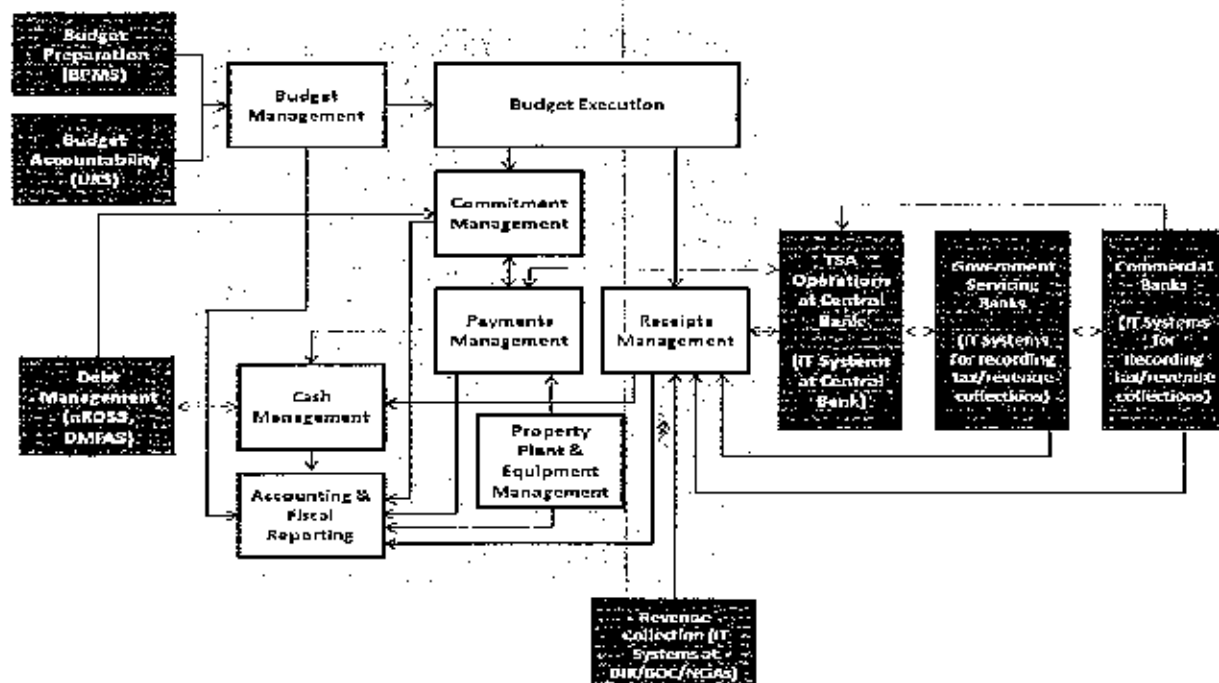
The specific objectives of the BTMS are to support the ongoing financial management reform and provide the following benefits to government:

- Online monitoring of appropriations vs. allotments vs. obligations vs. disbursements;
- A TSA that provides a more modern, efficient and effective way of cash management, a more economical system for cash disbursements, which is also envisaged to support in timely bank reconciliation;
- A predictable and streamlined allotment and cash release programs throughout the year to support the operations of implementing agencies based on reliable cash forecasting and programming;
- Timeliness and relevance of regular fiscal reporting including timely year-end audit reports of agency finances and operations; and,

Compliant with the generally accepted accounting principle prescribed by Government Accounting Manual (GAM), and consistent with the international standards as adopted through Philippine Public Sector Accounting Standards (PPSAS).

## Functions and Interfaces

The diagram below outlines the specific PFM functions to be supported by BTMS as well as interfaces with other related functions/information systems of the government and other stakeholders, e.g. budget preparation, debt management and revenue collections, among others.



## Implementation Phases

The table below describe the BTMS Phases and respective Functional Modules and Interfaces.

Table 5: BTMS Phases, Functional Modules and Interfaces

Phase	Name	Description	Modules/Interfaces
Phase I	Web Portal	The portal is the gateway for the users to access the BTMS application, and also provides useful information for the users, including schedule of training, users' guides, handling procedures and advisories among others.	<b>Modules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul> <b>Interfaces</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>
Phase II	Budget Execution	<p>Functionality for the NGAs to execute their budgets, including Commitments and Purchase Requisitions, Obligations and Purchase Orders, Disbursement Vouchers, Payment Requests, Journal Entry Vouchers, Revenue Vouchers, Bank Reconciliation, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from the TSA to the beneficiary bank account.</p> <p>Functionality for user registration, identification, authentication (including two-factor authentication) and access control to functionality and data.</p>	<b>Modules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitments Management</li> <li>• Payments Management</li> <li>• PPE Management</li> <li>• Receipts Management</li> <li>• Accounting and Fiscal Reporting</li> </ul> <b>Interfaces</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT Systems at the Banks</li> <li>• Unified Reporting System (URS)</li> <li>• Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS)</li> </ul>
Phase III	Treasury and Cash Management	Functionality for BTR as an oversight agency, including Bank Accounts management, Bank Reconciliation, Cash Forecasting, Payments Management, Receipts Management, Debt Servicing, etc.	<b>Modules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitments Management</li> <li>• Payments Management</li> <li>• Receipts Management</li> <li>• Cash Management</li> <li>• Accounting and Fiscal Reporting</li> </ul> <b>Interfaces</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS)</li> <li>• Registry of Scriptless</li> </ul>



Phase	Name	Description	Modules/Interfaces
			Securities System (nROSS) • National Government Collections System (NGCS) • IT Systems at the Banks • IT Systems at the Revenue Agencies
Phase IV	Budget Management	Functionality for DBM as an oversight agency, including maintenance of the Monthly Disbursement Program, Allotments Release, Cash Allocations Release, Realignment, Physical Performance, etc.	Modules • Budget Management • Fiscal Reporting Interfaces • Budget Preparation Management System (BPMS) • Unified Reporting System (URS)
Phase V	Complete and Integrated Solution	Complete and integrated functionality of Phases II, III and IV above, supporting the oversight functions of DBM and BTr and the spending functions of all NGAs.	Modules • All modules above Interfaces • All interfaces above

### Functional Modules

The table below describe the Functional Modules of BTMS.

Table 6: BTMS Functional Modules

Module	Functionality
Budget Management	<p>The BTMS Budget Management function would support in recording the approved appropriations, allotments, monthly disbursements program (MDP) and cash allocations. In case of delays in approval of the budgets, budget management function supports in recording interim appropriations (based on last year GAA or as determined by the government).</p> <p>It would also support in budget adjustments including re-allocations, sub-allotments, and additional allocations as approved by DBM (and legislature in case of additional allocations) during the course of the year. The system supports in maintaining the complete audit trail of appropriations, allocations, adjustments and balances for each spending agency and at an aggregate level for national government.</p> <p>In addition, this system would also support in budget programming activities in terms of capturing MDPs of the national government agencies on the basis of appropriations and in revising cash programs based on budget adjustments.</p>
Commitments Management	<p>Commitment Management is the process of setting aside a budget allotment for a specific expenditure that is to be incurred in the future, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The process of Commitment Management covers the recording of Commitments and Obligations.</p>

Module	Functionality
	<p>Commitment process records the intent to incur expenditure by spending agencies. It earmarks the allotments and hence reduces the allotment balance by the amount of the commitment. Commitment can be created, approved, updated and closed. The commitments can also be rolled over to next fiscal year.</p> <p>Obligation is an act of a duly authorized official which binds the government to the immediate or eventual payment of a sum of money. An obligation is a binding agreement with a vendor. With BTMS, it can be created manually, linked to a pre-created Commitment, or automatically when a Purchase Order (PO) is created.</p>
Payments Management	<p>Payment Management involves recording of expenditure and processing of payments to suppliers, employees, and others. This process handles expenditure and payment management cycles from purchasing, receipt of goods/services, supplier's invoices to the payments, and bank reconciliation.</p> <p>BTMS maintains a database of suppliers, details of expenditures and payments, etc. The process enforces expenditure control against commitments, obligations, allotments, and cash allocations. Payments in excess of available bank balances are not allowed. Expenditures are matched against POs and Good Received Notes (GRNs) for acceptance and/or invoices from various suppliers</p>
Receipts Management	<p>Receipt Management is the process of recording, classifying and managing revenue collections from different sources. The main function of receipts management is to ensure correct recording and reporting of Tax and Non-Tax Revenues.</p> <p>It covers the following PFM functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recording of receipts and recognition of Tax and Non-Tax Revenues of the National Government Agencies (NGAs) that are outside of BTMS, such as BIR and BOC,</li> <li>2. Recording of receipts and recognition of Non-Tax Revenues by NGAs implementing BTMS, particularly the BTr, and</li> <li>3. Recording of other receipts.</li> </ol>
Cash Management	<p>The Cash Management and Debt Management business areas are high level aggregations of the processes that relate to the collection, handling and usage of cash resources, and issuance, servicing and repayment of Government liabilities, respectively. The processes described in this section are oversight functions of BTr in compliance with its mandate to manage the financial resources of GOP.</p> <p>It covers the following PFM functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintenance of bank account data</li> <li>2. Recording cash receipts and processing cash disbursements</li> <li>3. Bank account reconciliation</li> <li>4. Forecasting cash flows</li> <li>5. Managing cash balances</li> <li>6. Government Borrowings in the form of Loans</li> </ol>

Module	Functionality
	7. Government Borrowing in the form of NG Securities
	8. On-Lending
Accounting and Fiscal Reporting	<p>The purpose of 'Accounting &amp; Fiscal Reporting' process is to compile all the financial transactions, generate consolidated financial statements of the GOP as per pre-defined format, and likewise generate relevant Fiscal Reports on budgets, actual revenue &amp; expenditure, accounting statements, and other such reports as required for fiscal performance monitoring and management.</p> <p>The process is to enable the preparation of periodic financial statements, accounting reports as per pre-defined formats and to generate statutory accounting statements from the General Ledger accounts, after incorporating necessary month and year-end adjustment entries.</p> <p>It covers the following processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Process of Adjustment Entries</li> <li>2. Periodic Accounting Function</li> <li>3. Fiscal Reporting</li> </ol>
PPE Management	<p>PPE Management covers the process of the procurement of assets, transfers, disposal, survey and valuation of the PPE (land, buildings, industrial machines, IT equipment, transport equipment, roads, etc.). It also covers the steps from the receipt of the new PPE's on their acquisition, recording of their physical location, financial information, allocation of assets, and verification details in the Assets in BTMS. Some information is mandatory to be recorded in the asset register such as asset ID, asset classification and sub-classification, Asset item group, value of the asset, asset acquisition methods, depreciation method and period, salvage value, item operational status, disposal details, etc.</p>

## Interfaces

The table below describe the Interfaces of BTMS with other IT Systems.

Table 7: BTMS Interfaces

IT System	Interface
IT Systems at the Banks	<p>BTMS generates payment orders via Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) from the Treasury Single Account (TSA) to the beneficiary bank account.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with the IT Systems at the Banks responsible for implementing the TSA and for processing EFTs via the Automated Clearing House (ACH).</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with the IT Systems at the Banks that maintain Treasury Bank Accounts, including the TSA, for receiving the electronic bank statements for automated bank reconciliation.</p>
Unified Reporting System (URS) of	<p>The NGAs submit their Budget Execution Documents (BEDs), including the Financial Plan, Physical Plan and Monthly Disbursement Program (MDP)</p>

IT System	Interface
DBM	<p>through the URS.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with URS to receive the BEDs from the NGAs.</p> <p>BTMS generates Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) for the rolled-out NGAs.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with the URS to provide the same with the BFARs for consolidation.</p>
Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) at BTr	<p>BTr uses DMFAS for managing domestic and foreign debt.</p> <p>DMFAS interfaces with BTMS to provide the debt schedule, including the receipt of loans and grants and also the debt servicing of principal and interest.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with DMFAS to inform on receipt of loans and grants via the Receipts Management module.</p> <p>DMFAS interfaces with BTMS to inform on debt servicing of principal and interest via the Commitments and Payments Management modules.</p>
Registry of Scriptless Securities System (nROSS) of BTr	<p>BTr uses nROSS for managing Treasury securities.</p> <p>nROSS interfaces with BTMS to provide the securities schedule, including issuance and maturity.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with nROSS to inform on receipt of securities via the Receipts Management module.</p> <p>nROSS interfaces with BTMS to inform on securities redemption via the Commitments and Payments Management modules.</p>
IT Systems at Revenue Agencies	<p>The revenue agencies, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC), use their own IT systems for revenue management at the transaction level for each tax/duty assessment and collection for each individual tax/duty payer.</p> <p>The revenue agencies remit to the TSA all collections of tax/duties in the next day.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with the IT Systems at the Revenue Agencies to receive the aggregate collections per date, per bank and per tax/duty code for automated reconciliation, classification and accounting of revenues.</p>
National Government Collections System (NGCS) of BTr	<p>The BTr uses the NGCS for recording the non-tax receipts of the NGAs.</p> <p>The NGAs remit to the TSA all collections of fees in the next day.</p> <p>BTMS interfaces with NGCS to receive the aggregate collections per date, per bank and per fee code for automated reconciliation, classification and accounting of revenues.</p>
Budget Preparation Management System (BPMS) of DBM	<p>The DBM uses BPMS to prepare the budget and to keep the approved General Appropriations Act (GAA) and other budgetary requirements.</p> <p>The BTMS interfaces with BPMS to receive the GAA and other budgetary requirements to enable the budget execution by the NGAs.</p>
Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) of Procurement Service	<p>The Procurement Service (PS) of DBM uses PhilGEPS to maintain the master data of all suppliers of the GOP, including manufacturers, distributors, contractors and consultants, local and foreign.</p> <p>The BTMS interfaces with PhilGEPS to receive the daily updates on the suppliers' master data.</p>

## *Annex 3 – BTMS IT Infrastructure*

### *Software*

BTMS is a web based application and is hosted based on a centralized architecture with a common application instance for all users. The solution is accessible through standard web browsers (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE) and don't require installation of any tools or software on end user workstation. The major software components of BTMS are listed in the table below.

Table 8: BTMS Software

Item	Description	Qty
BTMS Software	FreeBalance Accountability Suite Government Resource Planning (GRP) Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Version 7.0	3,000 concurrent users as of May 2018. After completion of the rollout there should be 10,800 concurrent users
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Server 2012	-
RDBMS	Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Clustered	-
Application Server	Tomcat Servlet Engine 7	-
Web Server	Apache Web Server 2.0	-
Virtualization Manager	Microsoft System Center/Hyper-V	-
Anti-Virus	Symantec End Point 12.1	-
EMS	Solarwinds	-
Helpdesk	Landesk	-
Backup	Dell NetVault	-
Integration Software	Paperless Trail B2B Fusion	-
Portal Server	Liferay Portal 6.2	-
EDMS	Paperless Trail Archive One 8	-

### *Hardware in the Main Data Center*

The IT Infrastructure for BTMS at the Main Data Center, supporting the Development, Test, Training and Production Environments, considers redundancy, high availability and fail-over at all levels of the solution. The IT Infrastructure is collocated in the DICT cage hosted in the Globe's MK2 Data Center in Makati City. All Web, Application and Database servers are virtualized and hosted in Blade servers. The major components of the BTMS IT Infrastructure in the Main Data Center are described in the table below.

Table 9: BTMS IT Infrastructure in the Main Data Center

Item	Description	Qty
Blade Chassis	Dell PowerEdge M1000e	1 pc
Blade Server	Dell PowerEdge M830	6 pcs
Backup Server	Dell PowerEdge R430 Rack Server	1 pc
EMS Server	Dell PowerEdge R430 Rack Server	1 pc
	Dell PowerEdge R730 Rack Server	1 pc
Tape Backup	Dell PowerVault TL4000	1 pc
SAN Storage	Dell Compellent SC8000	1 pc
Tier-1 Firewall	Juniper Networks SRX1400	2 pcs
Tier-2 Firewall	Dell Sonicwall NSA 6600	2 pcs
IPS	HP Tipping Point	2 pcs
Core Router	Cisco ISR 4451	2 pcs
Load Balancer	F5 BIG-IP 4000s	2 pcs
SIEM	HP ArcSight	1 pc
SAN Switch	Dell Networking S5000	2 pcs
Core Switch	Dell Networking S6000	2 pcs
DMZ Switch	Dell Networking N4032P	2 pcs

## ***Annex 4 – BTMS Documentation***

The table below lists the BTMS documentation that can be provided to the QAP to support in the conduction of the testing activities.

Table 11: BTMS Documentation

<b>Document</b>	<b>Author</b>
Terms of Reference (TOR) for the “Design, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) for the Government of the Philippines”	DBM
Functional Requirements Specifications (FRS) for the “Design, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) for the Government of the Philippines”	DBM
Technical Requirements Specifications (TRS) for the “Design, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) for the Government of the Philippines”	DBM
Project Plan	JV Partner
As-Is and To-Be Study Report	JV Partner
Portal Requirements Specification and Design for Phase I	JV Partner
Gap Analysis Report for Phases II, III and IV	JV Partner
Configuration Blueprint	JV Partner
Data Digitization and Migration Strategy and Plan for Phases II, III and IV	JV Partner
Interface Definition Study for Phases II, III and IV	JV Partner
Test Cases for User Acceptance Testing for Phases I, II, III and IV	JV Partner
Training Guide for System Administrator	JV Partner
Training Guide for Phases I, II, III and IV	JV Partner
User Guide for Phases II, III and IV	JV Partner
Handling Guidelines	JV Partner
IT Infrastructure Delivery and Installation Report for Development, Test, Training and Production Environments	JV Partner

<b>IT Infrastructure Document</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Solution Architecture Document</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Two-Factor Authentication Design</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Digital Signature Certificates Design</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>System Integration Solution Design</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Electronic Document Management System Design</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Standard Operating Procedures</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
<b>Information Systems Security Policy</b>	<b>JV Partner</b>
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## Annex 5 – BTMS Service Level Agreements

The table below lists key performance indicators and requirements for BTMS and support services to be rendered by JV Partner during operations and maintenance phase. The performance indicators for BTMS shall be measured on a 24/7 basis and JV Partner shall be responsible for supply and implementation of an Enterprise Management System (EMS) to support in measuring and generation of relevant reports on performance requirements for BTMS. The EMS shall include web interface, which shall support DBM in monitoring the performance indicators and downloading the reports for the performance indicators. Access to EMS shall be provided by JV Partner to the staff designated by DBM. The EMS implemented by JV Partner shall also be subjected to an independent verification and validation to validate the completeness and integrity of performance data and reports generated by the system.

The following provides definitions of terms used in the BTMS performance indicators.

- PBH – Peak Business Hours
- NPBH – Non Peak Business Hours
- MCOMS – Monthly Cost of Operations and Maintenance Support, the proportional monthly cost for one month of operations and maintenance support to be paid by GOP for respective month.

Table 12. BTMS performance indicators

S.N	SLA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
<b>1</b>	<b>Availability of the systems</b> - Availability of systems will not only refer to the uptime of hardware and related operating system, but also includes uptime of BTMS Application Software, Web Server Software, Application Server Software, Database Server Software, Integration Server Software, Workflow Server Software, Document Management Server Software and services of BTMS to users from oversight, revenue and spending agencies and other related stakeholders. Uptime of the server OS without the availability of BTMS services will be treated as system downtime This parameter shall be monitored and measured during operations and maintenance phase and failure in non-compliance with given requirement will attract penalties as detailed below.				
1.1	Availability of BTMS	<99.52 %	1.00%	<98.33 %	1.00%
1.2	Application Software, Web	<99.05 %	2.00%	<96.67 %	2.00%
1.3	Server Software,	<98.10 %	3.00%	<95.00 %	3.00%

S.N	SIA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
1.4	Application Server Software, Database Server Software, Integration Server Software, Workflow Server Software, Document Management Server Software	<97.14 %	3.75%	<91.67 %	3.75%
2	<p><b>BTMS Portal loading time:</b> During acceptance testing phase, system shall demonstrate performance of <math>\leq 3</math> seconds up to concurrency of 40% of the total planned user base. Failure in achieving this performance shall be treated as non-compliance of the system with the given requirements. This parameter shall also be measured and monitored during operations and maintenance phase. Failure in complying with this requirement during operations and maintenance (if there is an instance of non-compliance with this requirement during the period of measurement), will attract penalties as detailed below.</p> <p>This parameter shall be measured from a system implemented in the data center in DC LAN and the measurement process shall ensure that the page is loaded from the server not from the local cache in the system used for measurement. System performance for this parameter shall also be measured during operations and maintenance phase.</p>				
2.1	BTMS Portal loading time	>3 sec	2.00%	-	-
2.2	BTMS Portal loading time	>5 sec	3.00%	-	-
2.3	BTMS Portal loading time	>7 sec	3.75%	-	-
3	<p><b>System Concurrency</b> BTMS application and supporting infrastructure shall be sized to support a concurrency 40% of the total planned user base. This requirement shall be tested during the acceptance testing phase and monitored continuously during operations and maintenance phase.</p> <p>Failure in achieving this performance during acceptance testing shall be treated as non-compliance of the system with the given requirements. Failure in complying with this requirement during operations and maintenance (if</p>				

S.N	SLA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
	<p>there is an instance of non-compliance with this requirement during the period of measurement), will attract penalties as detailed below.</p> <p>For each connection dropped/denied by the system, the EMS shall record the number of concurrent sessions at that instance. The SLA report for this parameter should include instances of connection drops/denial, at which the concurrent sessions are lower than 40% of the total planned user base. The EMS shall also provide report on all instances of connection drops/denial by the system and number of concurrent connections at such instances. Failure in complying with this requirement during operations and maintenance (if there is an instance of non-compliance with this requirement during the period of measurement), will attract penalties as detailed below.</p>				
3.1	Instances of connection drop/denial by the system at system concurrency below or equal to 10% of total planned user base.	Connection drop/denial at <=10% of planned user base	3.75%	-	-
3.2	Instances of connection drop/denial by the system at system concurrency below or equal to 20% of total planned user base.	Connection drop/denial at <=20% of planned user base	3.00%	-	-
3.3	Instances of connection drop/denial by the system at system concurrency below or equal to 30% of total planned user base	Connection drop/denial at <=30% of planned user base	2.50%	-	-

S.N	SLA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
	base.				
3.4	Instances of connection drop/denial by the system at system concurrency below or equal to 40% of total planned user base.	Connection drop/denial at <=40% of planned user base	2.00%	-	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Response time for BTMS Application Software</b>				
	BTMS application and supporting infrastructure shall be sized to support an application response time of <=7 seconds up to a concurrency of 40% of the total planned user base. This requirement shall be tested during the acceptance testing phase and monitored continuously during operations and maintenance phase.				
	Failure in achieving this performance during acceptance testing shall be treated as non-compliance of the system with the given requirements. Failure in complying with this requirement during operations and maintenance (if there is an instance of non-compliance with this requirement during the period of measurement), will attract penalties as detailed below.				
4.1	Response time	> 7 Sec	2.50%	-	-
<b>5</b>	<b>Software Change Control Management</b>				
5.1	Implementation of change request within signed-off timelines in Change Control Note.	For every week of delay for each Change Request	0.50%	NA	NA
<b>6</b>	<b>Compliance with Critical (High/Medium) Standard Operating</b>	For every incidence of non-compliance with high critical	0.50%	NA	NA

S.N	SLA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
	<b>Procedures</b> (refer to note below the table)	procedures for the month			
7	<p><b>Helpdesk Operations</b> - Each incidence of helpdesk staff closing the call/ticket without actually providing the resolution for the reported issue will attract penalty. Each incidence of helpdesk staff not closing the call/ticket and not providing the resolution for the reported issue within the stipulated response time will attract penalty. The penalty will be applied for each incidence.</p> <p><b>High-critical</b> issues refer to any issues or gaps in application software, system software, IT and support infrastructure delivered, implemented and managed by the service provider, which have a severe impact on quality, availability or performance of all BTMS application services to the oversight and spending agencies.</p> <p><b>Medium-critical</b> issues refer to any issues or gaps in application software, system software, IT and support infrastructure delivered, implemented and managed by the service provider, which have an impact on quality, availability or performance of BTMS application services for a particular function or for an oversight or a spending agency.</p> <p><b>Low-critical</b> issues refer to any issues or gaps in application software, system software, IT and support infrastructure delivered, implemented and managed by the service provider, which have an impact on quality, availability or performance of BTMS application services for a particular user.</p>				
7.1	Resolution of High-Critical issues reported/support sought by the internal users	> 4 hours	0.75%	NA	NA
7.2	Resolution of medium-Critical issues reported/support sought by the internal users	>24 hours	0.75%	NA	NA
7.3	Resolution of low-Critical issues	> 48 hours	0.75%	NA	NA

S.N	SLA Parameter	PBH (08:00 AM to 8:00 PM)		NPBH (8:00 PM – 8:00 AM)	
		Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS	Monthly Performance Achieved	% of Penalty on MCOMS
	reported/ support sought by the internal users				

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## TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMS



## TPF 1. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

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*[Date]*

*[Name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for *[Title of Project]* in accordance with your Bidding Documents dated *[insert date]* and our Bid. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

In accordance with **ITB** Clause 21.1, we confirm that the information contained in the eligibility documents submitted earlier together with the Expression of Interest remain correct as of the date of bid submission.

If negotiations are held during the period of bid validity, *i.e.*, before *[insert date]*, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff. Our Bid is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from contract negotiations.

In accordance with **GCC** Clause 51, we acknowledge and accept the Procuring Entity's right to inspect and audit all records relating to our Bid irrespective of whether we enter into a contract with the Procuring Entity as a result of this Bid or not.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid received for the selection of a consultant for the Project.

We acknowledge that failure to sign this Technical Proposal Submission Form and the abovementioned Financial Proposal Submission Form shall be a ground for the rejection of our Bid.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:  
Name and Title of Signatory:  
Name of Firm:  
Address:

## TPF 2. CONSULTANT'S REFERENCES

### Relevant Services Carried Out in the Last Five Years

#### That Best Illustrate Qualifications

Using the format below, provide information on each project for which your firm/entity, either individually, as a corporate entity, or as one of the major companies within an association, was legally contracted.

Project Name:		Country:
Location within Country:		Professional Staff Provided by Your Firm/Entity(profiles):
Name of Client:		N° of Staff:
Address:		N° of Staff-Months; Duration of Project:
Start Date (Month/Year):	Completion Date (Month/Year):	Approx. Value of Services (in Current PhP):
Name of Associated Consultants, if any:		No. of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants:
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed:		
Narrative Description of Project:		
Description of Actual Services Provided by Your Staff:		

Consultant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TPF 3. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CONSULTANT ON THE TERMS OF  
REFERENCE AND ON DATA, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY  
THE PROCURING ENTITY**

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On the Terms of Reference:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

On the data, services, and facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### **TPF 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE PROJECT**

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Methodology:

Work Plan:

## TPF 5. TEAM COMPOSITION AND TASK

1. Technical/Managerial Staff		
Name	Position	Task

2. Support Staff		
Name	Position	Task

3 Where applicable, indicate relationships among the Consultant and any partner and/or subconsultant, the Procuring Entity, the Funding Source and other parties or stakeholders.

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## TPF 6. FORMAT OF CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FOR PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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Proposed Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Years with Firm/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in Professional Societies: \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed Tasks Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

### Key Qualifications:

*[Give an outline of staff member's experience and training most pertinent to tasks on project. Describe degree of responsibility held by staff member on relevant previous projects and give dates and locations. Use about half a page.]*

### Education:

*[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of staff members, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees obtained. Use about one quarter of a page.]*

### Employment Record:

*[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organizations, titles of positions held, and locations of projects. For experience in last ten years, also give types of activities performed and client references, where appropriate. Use about two pages.]*

**Languages:**

[For each language, indicate proficiency: excellent, good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing.]

**Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.

**Commitment:**

I also commit to work for the Project in accordance with the time schedule as indicated in the contract once the firm is awarded the Project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of staff member and authorized representative of the firm] Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Month/Year

Full name of staff member: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution], Philippines, by the affiant/s himself/herself/themselves whom I was able to personally identify through his/her/their [insert type of valid government identification card used], which he/she/they has/have presented to me.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year].

**NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

Serial No. of Commission \_\_\_\_\_

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# TPF 7. TIME SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Name	Position	Reports Due/Activities	Months (in the Form of a Bar Chart)												Number of Months
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Full-time: Reports Due: Activities Duration: Location															Subtotal (1)
															Subtotal (2)
															Subtotal (3)
															Subtotal (4)

Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Authorized representative)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## TPF 8. ACTIVITY (WORK) SCHEDULE

### A. Testing and Transition

	<i>[1st, 2nd, etc. are months from the start of project.]</i>					
Activity	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Functional Testing						
Phase I						
Phase II						
Phase III						
Phase IV						
Phase V						
Technical Testing of BTMS						
Transition						

### B. Test Results and Submission of Reports

	<i>[1st, 2nd, etc. are months from the start of project.]</i>					
Activity	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Inception Report						
Functional Testing Reports						
Phase I						
Phase II						
Phase III						
Phase IV						
Phase V						
Technical Testing of BTMS Report						
Transition Report						
Final Report						

**TPF 9. Omnibus Sworn Statement**

**OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT**

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, *[Name of Affiant]*, of legal age, *[Civil Status]*, *[Nationality]*, and residing at *[Address of Affiant]*, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

**1. *Select one, delete the other:***

*If a sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of *[Name of Consultant]* with office address at *[address of Consultant]*;

*If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of *[Name of Consultant]* with office address at *[address of Consultant]*;

**2. *Select one, delete the other:***

*If a sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of *[Name of Consultant]*, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for *[Name of the Project]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]* *[insert "as shown in the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney" for authorized representative]*;

*If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for *[Name of the Project]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*, accompanied by the duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;

**3. *[Name of Consultant]* is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or Local Government Units, foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board;**

4. 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;

5. *[Name of Consultant]* is authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative(s) to verify all the documents submitted;

6. *Select one, delete the rest:*

*If a sole proprietorship:* The owner or sole proprietor is not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

*If a partnership or cooperative:* None of the officers and members of *[Name of Bidder]* is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

*If a corporation or joint venture:* None of the officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of *[Name of Consultant]* is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

7. *[Name of Consultant]* complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
8. *[Name of Consultant]* is aware of and has undertaken the following responsibilities as a Bidder:
  - a) Carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
  - b) Acknowledge all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the Contract;
  - c) Made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any; and
  - d) Inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin(s) issued for the *[Name of the Project]*.
9. *[Name of Bidder]* 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.

*[Bidder's Representative/Authorized Signatory]*

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of *[month]* *[year]* at *[place of execution]*, Philippines, by the affiant/s himself/herself/themselves whom I was able to personally identify through his/her/their *[insert type of valid government identification card used]*, which he/she/they has/have presented to me.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of *[month]*, *[year]*.

**NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

Serial No. of Commission \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll of Attorneys No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### TPF 10. Bid Securing Declaration

(REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

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**Invitation to Bid** *[Insert reference number]*

To: *[Insert name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security, which may be in the form of a Bid-Securing Declaration.
2. I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any contract with any procuring entity for a period of two (2) years upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under Section 6 of the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of written demand by the procuring entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the bid securing declaration under Sections 23.1(b), 34.2, 40.1 and 69.1, except 69.1 (f), of the IRR of RA 9184; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake.
3. I/We understand that this Bid-Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid on the following circumstances:
  - a. Upon expiration of the bid validity period, or any extension thereof pursuant to your request;
  - b. I am/we are declared ineligible or post-disqualified upon receipt of your notice to such effect, and (i) I/we failed to timely file a request for reconsideration or (ii) I/we filed a waiver to avail of said right;
  - c. I am/we are declared as the bidder with the Highest Rated Responsive Bid, and I/we have furnished the performance security and signed the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set my/our hand/s this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution].

[Insert NAME OF BIDDER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]  
[Insert signatory's legal capacity]

Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution], Philippines, by the affiant/s himself/herself/themselves whom I was able to personally identify through his/her/their [insert type of valid government identification card used], which he/she/they has/have presented to me.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year].

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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## FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORMS

### Notes for Consultants

The following summarizes the content of the Financial Proposal.

#### Cover Letter

Use FPF 1. Financial Proposal Submission Form, which is an acknowledgement that, in preparation and submission of the Technical and Financial Proposals, Consultants have:

- (a) followed the applicable rules and guidelines indicated in this ITB;
- (b) not taken any action which is or constitutes a corrupt, fraudulent, or coercive practice as defined in the applicable rules and guidelines; and
- (c) agrees to allow the Procuring Entity and the Funding Source, at their option, to inspect and audit all accounts, documents, and records relating to the its Bid and to the performance of the ensuing contract.

#### Costs of Consulting Services

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## FPF 1. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

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*[Date]*

*[Name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for *[Title of Project]* in accordance with your Bidding Documents dated *[insert date]* and our Bid (Technical and Financial Proposals). Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of *[amount in words and figures]*. This amount is exclusive of the local taxes, which we have estimated at *[amount(s) in words and figures]*.

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the bid validity period, i.e., *[Date]*.

In accordance with GCC Clause 51, we acknowledge and accept the Procuring Entity's right to inspect and audit all records relating to our Bid irrespective of whether we enter into a contract with the Procuring Entity as a result of this Bid.

We confirm that we have read, understood and accept the contents of the Instructions to Bidders (ITB), the Bid Data Sheet (BDS), General Conditions of Contract (GCC), Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), Terms of Reference (TOR), the provisions relating to the eligibility of Consultant and the applicable guidelines for the procurement rules of the Funding Source, any and all Bid bulletins issued and other attachments and inclusions included in the Bidding Documents sent to us.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,  
Authorized Signature:  
Name and Title of Signatory:  
Name of Firm:  
Address:



## FPF 2. SUMMARY OF COSTS

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Costs	Amount in Philippine Peso
Activity 1	
Activity 2a	
Activity 2b	
Activity 2c	
Activity 2d	
Activity 2e	
Activity 3	
Activity 4a	
Activity 4b	
Activity 5	
Subtotal	
Local Taxes	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	

### FPF 3. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE PER ACTIVITY

<b>Activity No. 1</b>	<b>Description: Inception Report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 2a</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 1 including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 2b</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 2 including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 2c</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 3 including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 2d</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 4 including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 2e</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 5 including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	

<b>Activity No. 3</b>	<b>Description: Technical Testing including report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 4a</b>	<b>Description: Continuous BTMS Testing</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 4b</b>	<b>Description: Training result and recommendation</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	
<b>Activity No. 5</b>	<b>Description: Final Assessment Report</b>
<b>Price Component</b>	<b>Amount in Philippine Peso</b>
Remuneration	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Subtotal	

#### FPF 4. BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION PER ACTIVITY

Activity No. 1	Description: Inception Report			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Grand Total				
Activity No. 2a	Description: Functional Testing – Phase 1 including report			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Grand Total				
Activity No. 2b	Description: Functional Testing – Phase 2 including report			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Grand Total				
Activity No. 2c	Description: Functional Testing – Phase 3 including report			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Grand Total				

<b>Activity No. 2d</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 4 including report</b>			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Grand Total				
<b>Activity No. 2e</b>	<b>Description: Functional Testing – Phase 5 including report</b>			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Grand Total				
<b>Activity No. 3</b>	<b>Description: Technical Testing including report</b>			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Technical Team Lead	1			
Technical Tester	2			
Grand Total				
<b>Activity No. 4a</b>	<b>Description: Continuous BTMS Testing</b>			
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Technical Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Technical Tester	1			
Grand Total				

Activity No. 4b		Description: Training result and recommendation		
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Functional Team Lead	1			
Technical Team Lead	1			
Functional Tester	3			
Technical Tester	1			
Grand Total				
Activity No. 5		Description: Final Assessment Report		
Position	No. of Personnel	No. of Months	Remuneration Rate	Amount
Project Manager	1			
Grand Total				

## FPF 6. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

<b>Activity No. 1: Inception Report</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 2a: Functional Testing – Phase 1</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 2b: Functional Testing – Phase 2</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 2c: Functional Testing – Phase 3</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 2d: Functional Testing – Phase 4</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 2e: Functional Testing – Phase 5</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 3: Technical Testing</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 4a: Continuous BTMS Testing</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 4b: Training result and recommendation</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					
<b>Activity No. 5: Final Assessment Report</b>		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
1.	Reproduction of reports	Report			
Grand Total					

## FORM OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT, made this *[insert date]* day of *[insert month]*, *[insert year]* between *[name and address of Procuring Entity]* (hereinafter called the "Entity") and *[name and address of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the "Consultant").

WHEREAS, the Entity is desirous that the Consultant execute *[name and identification number of contract]* (hereinafter called "the Works") and the Entity has accepted the bid for *[insert the amount in specified currency in numbers and words]* by the Consultant for the execution and completion of such Consulting Services and the remedying of any defects therein.

### NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement, words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract hereinafter referred to.
2. The following documents shall be attached, deemed to form, and be read and construed as part of this Agreement, to wit:
  - (a) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
  - (b) Terms of Reference
  - (c) Request for Expression of Interest;
  - (d) Instructions to Bidders;
  - (e) Bid Data Sheet;
  - (f) Addenda and/or Supplemental/Bid Bulletins, if any;
  - (g) Bid forms, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, 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;
  - (h) Eligibility requirements, documents and/or statements;
  - (i) Performance Security;
  - (j) Notice of Award of Contract and the Bidder's conforme thereto;
  - (k) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Entity to the Consultant as hereinafter mentioned, the Consultant hereby covenants with the Entity to execute and complete the Consulting Services and remedy any defects therein in conformity with the provisions of this Consultant in all respects.



4. The Entity hereby covenants to pay the Consultant in consideration of the execution and completion of the Consulting Services, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of this Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by this Contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties thereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first before written.

Binding Signature of Procuring Entity

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Binding Signature of Consultant

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*[Addendum showing the corrections, if any, made during the bid evaluation should be attached with this agreement]*

## ***Section VIII. Appendices***

### **I. Description of Services**

Give detailed descriptions of the Services to be provided, dates for completion of various tasks, place of performance for different tasks, specific tasks to be approved by Client, etc.

### **II. Reporting Requirements**

List format, frequency, and contents of reports; persons to receive them; dates of submission; etc. If no reports are to be submitted, state here "Not applicable."

### **III. Key Personnel and Subconsultants**

List under:

1. Titles [and names, if already available], detailed job descriptions and minimum qualifications, and staff-months of service, and estimated periods of engagement for each, including a copy of a satisfactory medical certificate.
2. Same information as in no. 1 for Key foreign Personnel to be assigned to work outside the Government's country.
3. Same information as in no. 1 for Key Local Personnel.
4. List of approved Subconsultants (if already available) and Counterpart personnel (if allowed); same information with respect to their Personnel as in nos. 1 and 2.

### **IV. Breakdown of Contract Price**

List here the elements of cost, including expenditures in foreign currency(ies) denominated and payable in Philippine Peso, used to arrive at the itemized breakdown of the contract price:

1. Monthly rates for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel)
2. Reimbursable expenditures
3. Applicable taxes

## **V. Services and Facilities Provided by the Client**

Give detailed description of the services and facilities made available to the Consultant, and the time and manner of its availment.

## **VI. Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges**

Breakdown of Remuneration Rates, WB funded projects using Quality Based Selection, Selection Based on the Consultant's Qualifications and Single Source Selection.

### **1. Review of Remuneration Rates**

1.1 The remuneration rates for staff are made up of salary, social costs, overheads, fee that is profit, and any premium or allowance paid for projects away from headquarters. To assist the Consultant in preparing for financial negotiations, a sample form giving a breakdown of rates is attached (no financial information should be included in the Technical Proposal). Agreed breakdown sheets shall form part of the negotiated contract.

1.2 The Procuring Entity is charged with the custody of Government funds and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds. The Procuring Entity is, therefore, concerned with the reasonableness of the firm's Financial Proposal, and, during negotiations, it expects to be able to review audited financial statements backing up the Consultant's remuneration rates, certified by an independent auditor. The Consultant shall be prepared to disclose such audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. Rate details are discussed below.

#### **(i) Salary**

This is the gross regular cash salary paid to the individual in the Consultant's home office. It shall not contain any premium for work away from headquarters or bonus (except where these are included by law or government regulations).

#### **(ii) Bonus**

Bonuses are normally paid out of profits. Because the Procuring Entity does not wish to make double payments for the same item, staff bonuses shall not normally be included in the rates. Where the Consultant's accounting system is such that the percentages of social costs and overheads are based on total revenue, including bonuses, those percentages shall be adjusted downward accordingly. Where national policy requires that thirteen (13) months' pay be given for twelve (12) months' work, the profit element need not be adjusted downward. Any discussions on bonuses shall be supported by audited documentation, which shall be treated as confidential.

#### **(iii) Social Costs**

Social costs are the costs to the Consultant of staff's non-monetary benefits. These items include, *inter alia*, pension, medical and life insurance costs, and the cost

of a staff member being sick or on vacation. In this regard, the cost of leave for public holidays is not an acceptable social cost nor is the cost of leave taken during the Contract if no additional staff replacement has been provided. Additional leave taken at the end of the Contract in accordance with the Consultant's leave policy is acceptable as a social cost.

#### **(iv) Cost of Leave**

The principles of calculating the cost of total days leave per annum as a percentage of basic salary shall normally be as follows:

$$\text{Leave cost as percentage of salary}^1 = \frac{\text{total days leave} \times 100}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

It is important to note that leave can be considered a social cost only if the Procuring Entity is not charged for the leave taken.

#### **(v) Overheads**

Overhead expenses are the firm's business costs that are not directly related to the execution of the project and shall not be reimbursed as separate items under the Contract. Typical items are home office costs (partner's time, non-billable time, time of senior staff monitoring the project, rent, support staff, research, staff training, marketing, etc.), the cost of staff not currently employed on revenue-earning projects, and business promotion costs. During negotiations, audited financial statements, certified as correct by an independent auditor and supporting the last three years' overheads, shall be available for discussion, together with detailed lists of items making up the overheads and the percentage by which each relates to basic salary. The Procuring Entity does not accept an add-on margin for social charges, overhead expenses, etc., for staff who are not permanent employees of the firm. In such case, the firm shall be entitled only to administrative costs and fee on the monthly payments charged for subcontracted staff.

#### **(vi) Fee or Profit**

The fee or profit shall be based on the sum of the salary, social costs, and overhead. If any bonuses paid on a regular basis are listed, a corresponding reduction in the profit element shall be expected. Fee or profit shall not be allowed on travel or other reimbursable expenses, unless in the latter case an unusually large amount of procurement of equipment is required. The Consultant shall note that payments shall be made against an agreed estimated payment schedule as described in the draft form of the Contract.

#### **(vii) Away from Headquarters Allowance or Premium**

Some consultants pay allowances to staff working away from headquarters. Such allowances are calculated as a percentage of salary and shall not draw overheads or profit. Sometimes, by law, such allowances may draw social costs. In this case, the amount of this social cost shall still be shown under social costs, with the net allowance

<sup>1</sup> Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

shown separately. For concerned staff, this allowance, where paid, shall cover home education, etc.; these and similar items shall not be considered as reimbursable costs.

#### **(viii) Subsistence Allowances**

Subsistence allowances are not included in the rates, but are paid separately and in local currency. No additional subsistence is payable for dependents — the subsistence rate shall be the same for married and single team members.

UNDP standard rates for the particular country may be used as reference to determine subsistence allowances.

### **2. Reimbursables**

2.1 The financial negotiations shall further focus on such items as out-of-pocket expenses and other reimbursables. These costs may include, but are not restricted to, cost of surveys, equipment, office rent, supplies, international and local travel, computer rental, mobilization and demobilization, insurance, and printing. These costs may be either fixed or reimbursable in foreign or local currency.

### **3. Bank Guarantee**

3.1 Payments to the Consultant, including payment of any advance based on cash flow projections covered by a bank guarantee, shall be made according to an agreed estimated schedule ensuring the firm regular payments in local and foreign currency, as long as the services proceed as planned.

## VII. BREAKDOWN OF AGREED FIXED RATES<sup>2</sup>

[Currencies: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>]

Consultants		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Rate <sup>4</sup>	Social Charge (__% of 1)	Overhead (__% of 1)	Subtotal	Fee (__% of 4)	Away from Headquarters Allowance (__% of 1)	Total Agreed Fixed Rate	Agreed Fixed Rate (__% of 1)
Philippines									
Home Office									

Signature of Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- <sup>2</sup> This model form is given for negotiation purposes only. It is not part of the proposals (technical or financial).
- <sup>3</sup> If different currencies, a different table for each currency should be used.
- <sup>4</sup> Per month, day, or hour as appropriate.