

# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

GENERAL SOLANO ST., SAN MIGUEL, MANILA

#### **BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

### Resolution No. 2025-31

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Budget and Management-Bids and Awards Committee (DBM-BAC) conducted a Public Bidding for the Project, "Cloud Infrastructure Subscription with Support and Maintenance for the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)," with an Approved Budget for the Contract of P240,000,000.00 through the authorized appropriations under the FY 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) and Multi-Year Contractual Authority No. MYCA-BMB-C-24-0000102, as reflected in the Annual Procurement Plan, CY 2025;

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2025, the Invitation to Bid for the Project was posted on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) website, the DBM website, the official DBM Facebook page, and all DBM bulletin boards;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, after preliminary examination of the bids, the DBM-BAC, using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria, determined the submissions of (i) the Joint Venture of Radenta Technologies, Inc. and Sagescft Solutions, Inc. (JV of Radenta and Sagesoft); (ii) the JV of Remax International, Inc. (Remax) and eCloudvalley Technology (Philippines), Inc. (eCloudvalley); and (iii) Novare Technologies, Inc. (Novare) as "passed" for complying with all the eligibility and technical requirements as stated in the Bidding Documents;

**WHEREAS**, after evaluation of the financial components of the bids, the bids were ranked based on the total calculated bid prices to identify the Lowest Calculated Bid, as follows:

JV of Radenta and Sagesoft
 JV of Remax and eCloudvalley
 Novare
 P189,999,999.99
 P214,995,000.00
 P223,200,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the DBM-BAC accordingly declared the submission of the JV of Radenta and Sagesoft as the Lowest Calculated Bid in the amount of P189,999,999.99;

**WHEREAS**, based on the results of the post-qualification of the bid submission of the JV of Radenta and Sagesoft, the DBM-BAC issued DBM-BAC Resolution No. 2025-16 dated April 8, 2025, resolving as follows:

- To declare the post-disqualification of the JV of Radenta and Sagesoft for the Project and to notify the said bidder in writing about its post-disqualification and the grounds for it, pursuant to Section 34.5 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184; and
- To initiate and complete the post-qualification process on the bidder with the second Lowest Calculated Bid, the JV of Remax and eCloudvalley, pursuant to Section 34.6 of the same IRR;

**WHEREAS**, however, under DBM-BAC Resolution No. 2025-29 dated May 20, 2025, the DBM-BAC resolved, as follows:

- 1) To declare the post-disqualification of the JV of Remax and eCloudvalley for the Project, and to notify the said bidder in writing about its postdisqualification and the grounds for it, pursuant to Section 34.5 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184; and
- To initiate and complete the post-qualification process on the bidder with the third Lowest Calculated Bid, Novare, pursuant to Section 34.7 of the same IRR;

**WHEREAS**, the DBM-BAC issued the Notice of Post-disqualification to the JV of Remax and eCloudvalley on May 22, 2025;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Section 55.1 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184 provides, among others, that "[d]ecisions of the BAC at any stage of the procurement process may be questioned by **filing a request for reconsideration within the three (3)** calendar days upon receipt of written notice or upon verbal notification"; (emphasis supplied)

**WHEREAS**, through a letter dated May 26, 2025,<sup>2</sup> Remax sought reconsideration of the DBM-BAC's declaration of its submission as "post-disqualified." In support of its request for reconsideration, Remax presented the following arguments as grounds/bases to reconsider its post-disqualification and to reevaluate the same in its favor, to wit:

 Remax fully acknowledged that the standard requirement mandates that submissions of its 2023 Income Tax Return and Quarterly VAT Returns be made via the Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS). However, Remax cited Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 034-2025,<sup>3</sup> which expressly provides an exception for cases where the enrollment in eFPS is still in process.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dated May 21, 2025, sent via email to the JV of Remax and eCloudvalley on May 22, 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Received by the DBM on the same day via email to the BAC Secretariat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Likewise, the said taxpayers shall use the eBIRForms facility in the filing of their AITR in case filing cannot be made through the eFPS due to the following reasons:

<sup>1.</sup> Enrollment in BIR-eFPS and eFPS-AAB is still in process[.]

- 2. To support its position, Remax enclosed a screenshot of eCloudvalley's eFPS enrollment status indicating that the application is "in progress under investigation." Remax stated that the documentation reflects direct guidance received from BIR personnel.
- 3. Further, it was explained that the BIR does not issue a formal certificate for an eFPS enrollment in progress; instead, a screenshot of the enrollment status accompanied by an email confirmation—and a subsequent screenshot confirming "Record accepted"—is deemed sufficient proof.
- 4. Based on these clarifications and the supporting documentation provided, Remax asserted that eCloudvalley's filing via the eBIRForms facility falls within the permissible exception under BIR RMC No. 034-2025;

WHEREAS, the DBM-BAC noted that the Notice of Post-Disqualification dated May 21, 2025 was sent to the email address of Remax on May 22, 2025, and Remax's request for reconsideration was received by the DBM-BAC Secretariat via email on May 26, 2025, which was one (1) day after the prescriptive period for filing a request for reconsideration (i.e., until May 25, 2025). The said request was subsequently denied by the DBM-BAC, pursuant to Section 55.1 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184, in relation to Clause 20 of Section II. Instructions to Bidders, as reiterated in Clause 20 of Section III. Bid Data Sheet of the Philippine Bidding Documents, and consistent with Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184, and the post-disqualification of the JV of Remax and eCloudvalley was affirmed;

**WHEREAS**, considering the foregoing and pursuant to DBM-BAC Resolution No. 2025-29, after verification, validation, and ascertainment of all statements made and documents submitted by Novare, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents, it was determined that the submission of Novare passed all the criteria for post-qualification.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the BAC **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, the following:

- 1) To deny the request for reconsideration of the JV of Remax International, Inc. and eCloudvalley Technology (Philippines), Inc., and affirm its decision to declare the same as "post-disqualified";
- 2) To notify the JV of Remax International, Inc. and eCloudvalley Technology (Philippines), Inc. of its decision through the issuance of a response letter;
- 3) To declare the bid of Novare Technologies, Inc. for the Project, "Cloud Infrastructure Subscription with Support and Maintenance for the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)," in the amount of P223,200,000.00, as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid, in accordance with Section 34.4 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184;

- 4) To recommend to the DBM Head of the Procuring Entity that the contract for the Project be awarded to Novare Technologies, Inc. in the abovementioned amount, in accordance with Section 37.1.1 of the same IRR; and
- 5) To notify all other bidders, in writing, of the DBM-BAC's recommendation within three (3) calendar days from the issuance of the resolution recommending award of the contract, pursuant to Section 37.1.1 of the same IRR.

**ADOPTED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at the Department of Budget and Management, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila.



MARIA FRANCESCA M. DEL ROSARIO End-user Representative

not present **DANTE B. DE CHAVEZ** *Member* 

not present

ANDREA CELENE M. MAGTALAS

Member



SHERYLL GRACE S. AROMIN B.U.D.G.E.T. Representative



ROWEL D. ESCALANTE

Member



RAMON VICENTE B. ASUNCION Vice Chairperson





# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

GENERAL SOLANO STREET, SAN MIGUEL, MANILA

### NOTICE OF AWARD

1 7 JUN 2025

MR. RYAN V. PAGUIO

Novare Technologies, Inc. (Formerly Micro-D International, Inc.) 11/F, MDI Corporate Center 39<sup>th</sup> St. corner 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

## Dear Mr. Paguio:

We are pleased to inform you that the contract for the Project, "Cloud Infrastructure Subscription with Support and Maintenance for the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)," is hereby awarded to Novare Technologies, Inc. in the amount of P223,200,000.00.

In this regard, you are hereby required to post a performance security, which shall remain valid until the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in the amount and form prescribed in Section 39 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (the Government Procurement Reform Act).

Pursuant to Section 37.2.1 of the same IRR, you have ten (10) calendar days from receipt of this Notice to post the performance security and enter into a contract with the DBM.

Thank you and God Bless.

Very truly yours,

LEONIDO J. PULIDO III Assistant Secretary



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Dear Mr. Paguio:

Pursuant to Section 37.2.1 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 and as provided in the Notice of Award (NOA) which you received on 18 JUN 2025, you have ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the NOA to post the required performance security and enter into a contract with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Further, as stated in Section  $40.1^{1}$  of the same IRR, failure to post the required performance security or enter into a contract with the DBM within the stipulated period shall cause the forfeiture of the bid security and the imposition of appropriate sanctions.

Relative to the foregoing, attached for your signature are eight (8) copies of the contract for the Project, "Cloud Infrastructure Subscription with Support and Maintenance for the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS)."

Please submit the signed contract, together with the performance security, on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, 2:00 p.m., to the DBM-BAC Secretariat or through the Central Records Division, DBM Bldg. 3, Gen. Solano St., San Miguel Manila.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

AARON ALBERTO A. ESCALONA Head, DBM-BAC Secretariat Thomas Havano 4/18/25

<sup>1 40.1.</sup> If the bidder with the LCRB, HRRB, SCRB or SRRB fails, refuses or is unable to submit the documents